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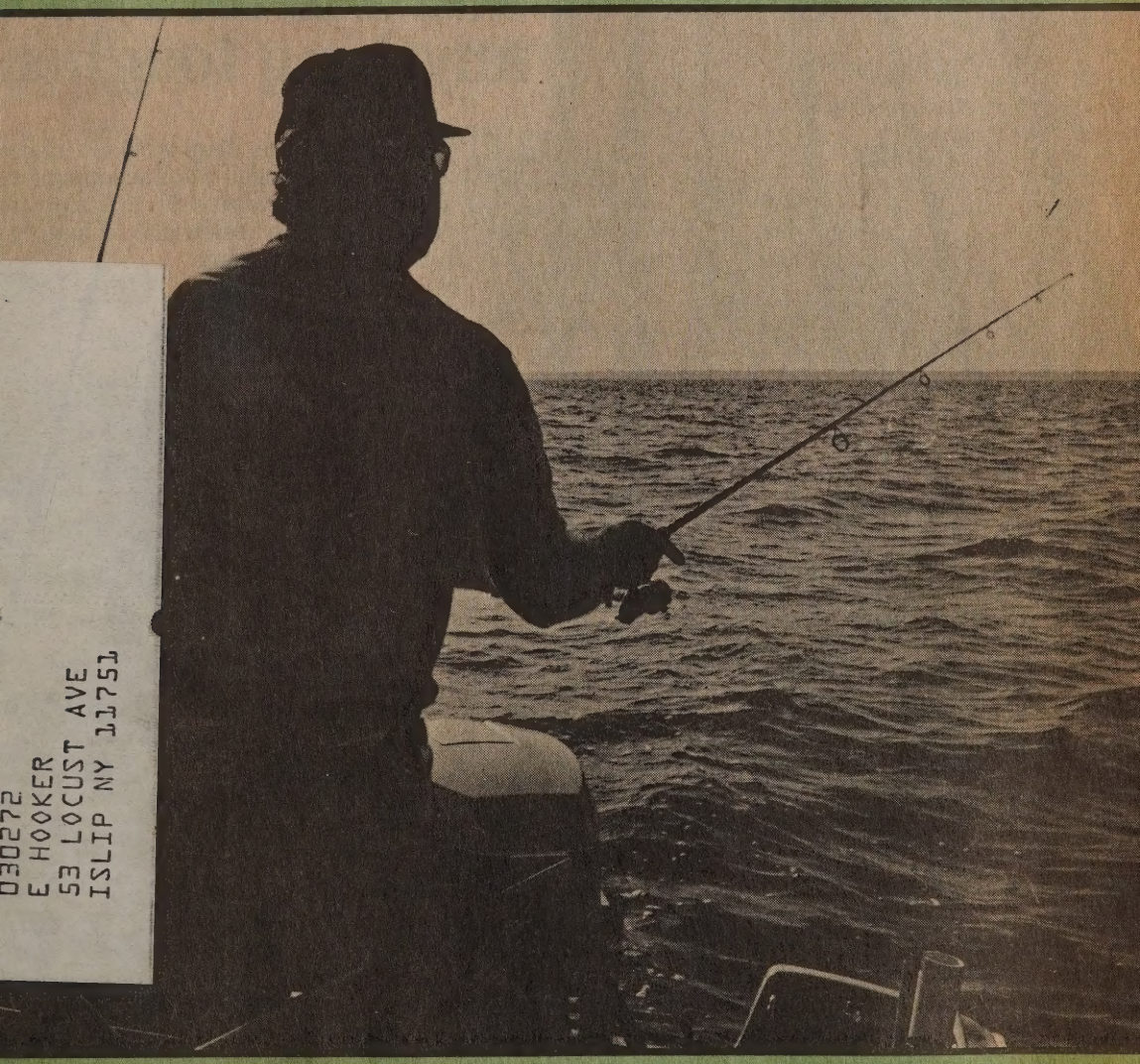

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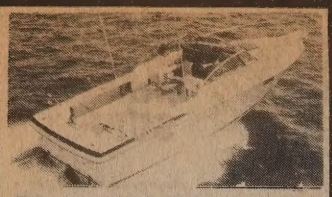

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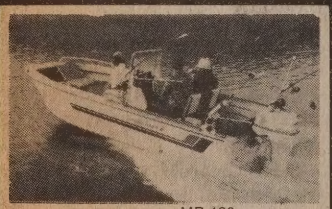
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WESTERN SOUTH SHORE FEATURES LACKING

Dear Staff:

I am a regular reader of The Fisherman and before I criticize, I would like to say this is the best magazine ever published. I find only one flaw with it almost every week: Jones Inlet is almost never mentioned in the feature articles. Jones Inlet has some of the best fluke and bluefishing on the Island, yet it seems to be ignored by your staff. All I am asking is that there should be as many Jones Inlet features as other areas. I am sure many J.I. fishermen agree with me. This is only a suggestion to benefit more anglers.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Hope to hear from you soon. *Robert De Rosa.*

Dear Bob,

You've hit a real sore spot on this one. I, too, have never been satisfied with our coverage of the area stretching from Jones Inlet, west to New York Bight. I can assure you that the lack of features from the area mentioned is not intentional. We have made numerous attempts at developing writers who fish these waters and have had minimal success. We keep trying, but could sure use some help.

Anyone out there who is willing to share their knowledge of western South Shore and New York Bight fishing can contact me at (516) 725-4200. You need not be an accomplished writer as we will do all we can to help develop your writing skills. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

LOOKING FOR MORE FRESHWATER COVERAGE

Dear Sirs:

I enjoy reading your magazine when there are articles on freshwater fishing. Especially "where-to" articles explaining a certain lake or pond and including a topo map. Those articles are *real* valuable! I think it's time that you publish a freshwater magazine separate from the saltwater. Believe me, you will sell them. I think the demand is there! This holds me back from getting a subscription, because I **don't** want to read about saltwater fishing. In some cases, that's all that's in the magazine. I go to the store and if I see that there are all saltwater articles, I won't buy it! I suggest two separate magazines. *Tom Snyder*

Dear Tom,

A freshwater edition of The Fisherman could be a reality somewhere down the road. The idea has already been reviewed by the "brain trust."

In the meantime, we are trying to make an effort to increase our freshwater coverage without detracting from the saltwater content. The average size of each issue has grown considerably in recent years and current plans are to work an average of two freshwater features per week into The Fisherman.

Interest in freshwater angling here on Long Island and in the Metropolitan Area has been on a steady rise. We will attempt to meet the needs of this growing segment of the fishing community, but the saltwater scene will always be our priority. Your comments are appreciated. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

ENTHUSIASTIC AND GENEROUS RESPONSE TO SEND-A-KID FISHING PROGRAM

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my contribution to Send-A-Kid Fishing.

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I congratulate you on your excellent program. *Vincent F. Stempel, Jr., Esq.*

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Dear Fred,

Send some kids fishing on me. My highest compliments to The Fisherman and the captains involved. *Charles Fisk.*

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Dear Sirs:

Recently, I saw Mr. Fred Golofaro, editor of The Fisherman, on the *Lorry Mangan Show.*

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If I can be of any further help, please let me know. *John McNamara, McNarama Buick Pontiac.*

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Gentlemen:

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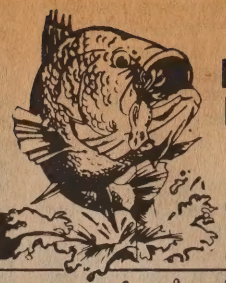

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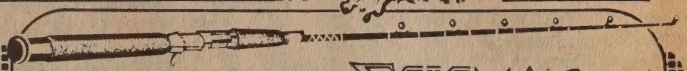

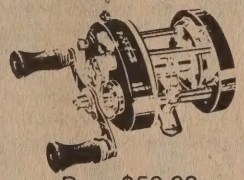

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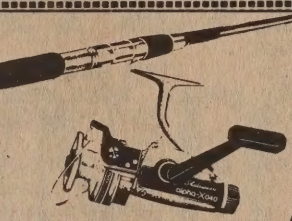

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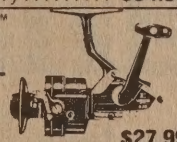

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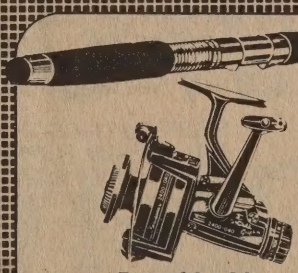

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Dear Sirs:

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Have a great day fishing. Keep up the good work at LIF. *John F. Guido.*

MISSED BY THE SURF CROWD

This past March, a surf fishing friend passed away. His name was Mike Bowden and fished Robert Moses regularly. I just found out about his death last week when I called his house. Mike had many fishing buddies both at Moses and Jones Beach. A good number of them are still unaware he has passed away. Mike was more commonly known as "Big Mike" or "Red." His presence will be missed on the beach. *Bill Laghezza (Billy "Blitz").*

COMMENTS ON SALTWATER LICENSE ARTICLE

Concerning your article in the May 31st issue of The Fisherman, page. 10, Saltwater License: I cannot understand how anyone in their right mind can support this bill. I have been fishing for 30 years and since I do not have a boat I have found it very hard lately to fish on Long Island. In most towns on Long Island you have to be a resident to even park near the water. So can you tell me what good a license is to me. As you well know, any time the state gets money for one thing, it winds up going some place else. They say the money from the license will be used to improve fishing; yet with all the money from D/J legislation can you tell me how many boat ramps the state has built on the Island? Are there any fishing piers like California has? No; yet they can build three boat ramps on one lake but not one dime for any saltwater fisherman, yet they want our money. If this law is passed, I will throw every piece of gear I have in the dumps. This used to be a good state to live in. What happened? *John M. Gortakowski.*

DON'T PANIC! The article was not in favor of anything. The purpose was to keep you, the reader, informed. Only by being informed can you take the type of action you feel is necessary relative to developing events that will impact your life. Further, we felt an obligation to present this information because other states have passed or will pass soon, saltwater license bills. If the trend continues in other states where we have no influence, then how long will it be before New York State will follow? If there is any logic in that, then by informing saltwater fishermen about developing events perhaps we can have something to say about these matters in our own state and avoid the kind of possible disasters you describe in your letter. We'll continue to provide all the information we can get our hands on in the belief that ignorance is no bliss: it leads to impotence politically. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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HELP! THE KIDS THINK I MURDERED FLIPPER!

Dear Dr. Muller:

Help! Tell the neighborhood kids I didn't kill "Flipper." I've been shunned ever since I brought back this picture of the fine bull dolphin I caught off Hawaii last December. I can't seem to convince the youngsters that there is a fish and a mammal, both called dolphins.

Incidentally, this one made a great meal for a lot of people. I'm sure you know it is called "mahi mahi" in the islands and it is valued as a top seafood delicacy. *Sid Darion.*

No, Mr. Darion, you did not kill Flipper. Porpoises are toothed whales. That makes them mammals and they breathe air just as we do. A bottle-nosed dolphin is one species of porpoise mammal. A true dolphin is a fish, such as the bull you show in the photo. It is not a mammal, but is a fish complete with gills!

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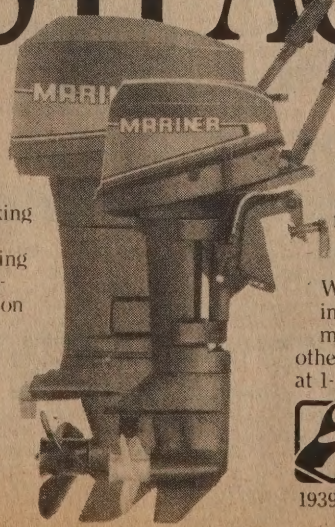

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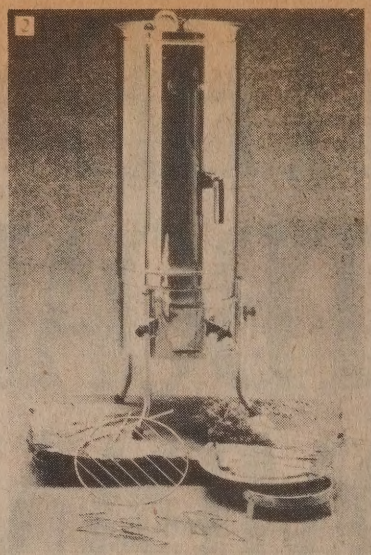

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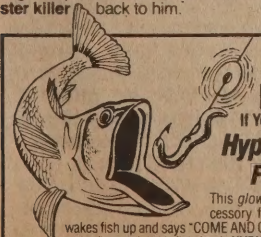

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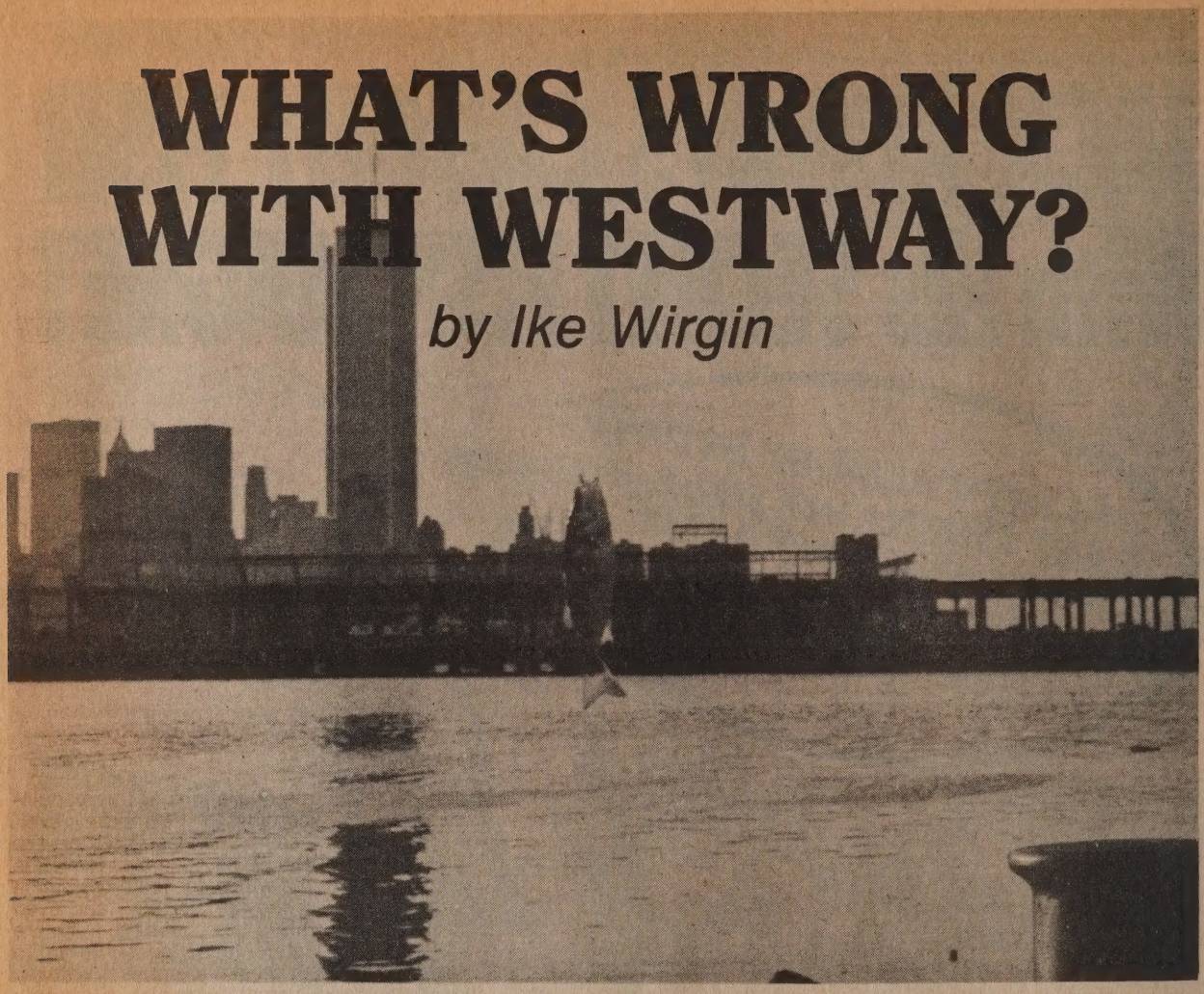
WHAT'S WRONG WITH WESTWAY?

by Ike Wirgin



As you are no doubt aware from newspaper reports, the statement on the potential impact of the Westway Project on Hudson River fisheries, particularly striped bass, has recently been released. The conclusions reported in this statement resulted largely from extensive sampling this past winter contracted for by the Army Corps of Engineers. Having just completed reading the Westway report for the fourth time, I believe I've finally succeeded in digesting its contents to my satisfaction, and would like to share its design, rationale, conclusions, and my reactions with you. My perspective in this endeavor is both as a biologist whose research focuses on striped bass stock discrimination and as a fisherman with limited experience fishing the Westway piers.

Although you are probably knowledgeable in its detail, a brief description of the scope of the Westway project is essential in appreciating its potential impact. The proposed project, 4.2 miles in length, would extend from the Battery to 42nd Street. In total, 242 acres of pier habitat, would be altered, most of it to a state admittedly uninhabitable by striped bass. Most of this damage would result from landfill converting the existing aquatic habitat to dry land. The hypothetical appeal of this area in its present condition to aquatic life results from the shelter it provides from the current in the main channel.

The project has been on hold for several years as the result of conflicting results from earlier environmental impact statements prepared by the firm of Lawler, Matusky and Skelly. The results of the initial 1979-1980 study suggested that during certain mid-winter periods, the Westway piers harbored many more juvenile bass than any other site in the river. This led to speculation that Westway served as an "overwintering site" for juvenile Hudson River bass. However, since sampling of other non-Westway habitats was minimal, it was impossible to compare how many bass used Westway in relation to other possible sites in the river.

In a second, far more extensive study conducted by the same firm during the winter of 1982-1983, the Westway catch did not dominate other sites as had occurred in the earlier study. As a result, it was concluded that the importance of the Westway area to the survival of young-of-the-year and yearling stripers was "not necessarily critical." However, fishery experts reviewing the design of this second, far more extensive study still objected to its sampling design, and therefore concluded its results were "not quantitatively more reliable" than the earlier 1979-1980 study. The main objection stemmed from the utilization of sampling at single fixed sites within each sampling zone which did not allow for an accurate estimate of the total number of fish present at any one time.

As a result the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium (NJMSC) was contracted by the Army Corps to conduct a new two-year study to assess the potential impact of the Westway pier loss on both invertebrate and fish populations with an emphasis on juvenile bass distributions during the winter months. Sampling was to follow guidelines proposed at two earlier workshops by a panel of acknowledged fishery experts. However, before it began in late December of 1983, its duration was shortened to a single year and its scope reduced to exclusively concentrate on finfish distributions.

The study period, which in actuality extended from the second week in January to the end of April, sampled Hudson fish distributions from New York Harbor north to Peekskill, and in addition initially included sites in Newark Bay, the East River, Jamaica Bay and extreme Western Long

Island Sound. Of course, the Westway site was included. In total, 25 **zones** were designated, and were sampled in triplicate at approximately ten day **intervals.** Sampling was conducted by three boats towing bottom trawls for three-minute periods. Within each sampling area both shallow and deep water zones were selected for collecting. In the lower Hudson, and in the East River, the shallow water stations were invariably in inter-pier habitats. Data was analyzed on the basis of time **intervals**, of which there were 11 between mid-January and late April.

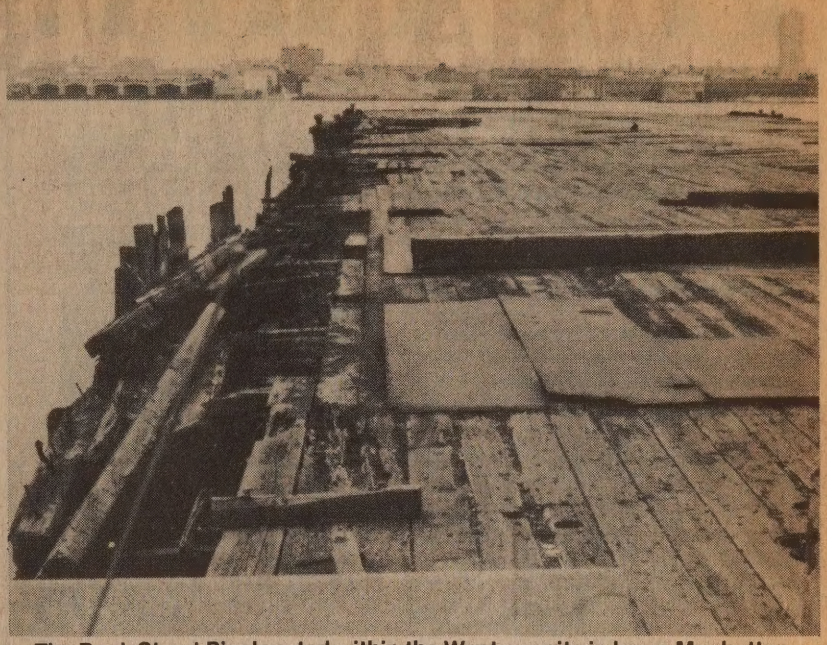
Unlike the earlier LMS studies, sampling was **random** within the 25 zones, rather than at **fixed** points has had been practiced earlier. Within each sampling zone there were generally thousands of potential **trawl alleys** identified by coordinates which could be visited during each interval. These trawl alleys were **randomly** selected in each zone for sampling during each interval. While this change in sampling strategy may seem a minor point, in actuality it provided a more accurate estimate of the number of fish in each zone per interval, and thus satisfied the major statistical criticism of the earlier reports.

While bass of many ages were collected, the primary focus of analysis was on the distribution of young-of-the-year and yearling stripers. Older stripers were totally ignored in the data analysis, although their numbers were lumped into the total catch data by zones.

In total, over 11,000 stripers were landed over the four-month period. In addition, substantial numbers of winter flounder, white perch, tomcod and bay anchovy were collected from the various sites; however, since it was concluded that the Westway site was not critical to the maintenance of the current stock levels of these later four species, their treatment was minimal.

Although large numbers of juvenile bass were taken during several intervals at the Westway site, the overall conclusion was that "Westway is not a unique over-wintering habitat." This conclusion was based on the absence of large numbers of fish at Westway for extended periods during the winter months. Peak utilization of the Westway site occurred in mid-winter (February) followed by a lull, concluding with the largest peak witnessed in mid to late April. As a result it was felt that juvenile bass do not spend the entire winter at Westway or equivalent sites, but instead use it as a "staging area" for further migrations. "At the very time when winter conditions are generally most harsh the presence of juveniles in Westway is usually low."

However, not only was Westway dismissed as a major overwintering site, its significance as a transient zone was also questioned due to the existence of equivalent sites within the same geographic zone in the river. Westway was not considered a unique staging area because large numbers of juveniles were taken concurrently at other downriver sampling sites when maximum densities were witnessed at Westway. Other inter-pier sites in New Jersey and north of Westway on the New York side were thus assigned equivalent function for juvenile bass as Westway.



The Bank Street Pier located within the Westway site in lower Manhattan. This site was loaded with juvenile stripers from late November through much of December.

As mentioned, maximum Westway usage was in April. At that time, results indicated that 21 to 34 percent of the young-of-the-year and 32 to 35 percent of the yearling Hudson River bass populations could be found at Westway. Assuming this peak to be the period of maximum potential danger to the population, several different scenarios were advanced to predict the likely effects of the loss of the Westway habitat to the population size of Hudson River juveniles.

The "worst case" scenario, assuming that none of the fish that annually visit Westway would survive, estimated a loss of up to one-third of the river's juvenile population. It was admitted that such a loss would have a long term adverse impact on future stock size. A "more likely" scenario, assuming average year class strength, predicted that only 10 to 20 percent of the population would be impacted, due to the availability of alternate shelters. Long term adverse effects therefore would only be "minor."

If juveniles don't overwinter at the Westway site, why are densities of juveniles periodically very high there? A major thrust of the report was to advance the "Dovel hypothesis" which attempted to explain the cyclic movement of juvenile Hudson bass, concentrating particularly on the wintertime migrations of this population. According to the theory developed by chief field inspector on the project, Bill Dovel, juveniles leave the river in the winter for the more saline waters of the harbor, bay, and even ocean. This is to acclimate to the more saline waters to be encountered in later adult coastal journeys. Westway and equivalent inter-pier sites only serve as brief, energetically advantageous "stop-overs," due to their shelter as the juveniles move out of the river. This wintertime behavior is displayed both young-of-the-year and yearling bass, although yearlings arrive earlier and stay for a briefer duration at Westway.

What was wrong with the NJMSC study and its sampling?

1. Sampling did not begin in earnest until the second week in January, missing the entire month of December. It has been my personal experience that the Westway piers are loaded with juvenile bass in the late fall. Last year Peter Silverstein, Bob Barbuto and Tom Lake, in preparation for a tagging project, began to catch large numbers of juvenile bass in late November at the Westway site. Needing some small bass for our research on stock discrimination, I visited the Bank Street Pier within the Westway zone last December 18th. Fishing sandworms, within a two-hour period, three of us caught over 60 small bass ranging from 6 to 16 inches, along with a sizeable number of white perch. Fishing the bottom straight up and down, the action was non-stop. Returning to the same location December 28th, follow-

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ing the severe Christmas cold snap, Peter didn't take a single fish. Either the fish had vacated the area or the cold had turned them off. The possibility is high that the NJMSC study didn't start until after the fall peak had already occurred. Therefore, even if we assume Westway to be merely a "staging area" we have no idea of its importance to the bass population during the period of possible maximal utilization.

2. Sources have indicated that NJMSC tows were made parallel to the piers, within the inter-pier basin, at a minimum distance of 50 feet from the nearest pier. In December by far the greatest activity was immediately adjacent to the pier. The further one cast, the less action was forthcoming. Therefore, a distance of 50 feet from the piers may have been too great to accurately sample the inter-pier habitat. In fact, we even fished through some massive holes in the center of the Bank Street Pier and had plenty of action. The NJMSC study did try to sample the under-pier zone with an assortment of nets and traps with very small catches. In December that habitat was certainly teeming with fish life.

3. The study attempted to explain the annual movement of the Hudson River juvenile bass population; however, no sampling was conducted beyond the January to April period. How can you hypothesize on the specifics of this behavior without knowing definitely where the fish are in the late spring, summer, and fall?

What Was Wrong With the NJMSC Study? Its Data Interpretation?

1) The fact that at any one time a maximum of about 35 percent of any given year class may be found at the Westway site does not mean that the impact of Westway will be limited to that proportion of the population. If these fish are on the move, that 35 percent of the population may, at a later date, be replaced at Westway by another substantial segment of the population. During the course of a season the entire population may in actuality utilize the Westway site and therefore, be affected by its alteration.

2) In this report, Westway site utilization has been viewed in the context of a migration by juveniles to a more marine environment. However, the actual data argues against this hypothesis. During the mid-winter period when this theory predicts maximum densities of fish in the harbor or more marine environments, large peaks for both young-of-the-year and yearlings are evident in up-river zones north of Yonkers. For young-of-the-year peak densities in the Harbor were evident in the deep zone in mid-February (265,000 fish). However, at the same time, the Tappan Zee shallows held 270,000 young-of-the-year, while the Yonkers shallows supported 420,000. Similar trends, although not as dramatic, are evident for yearlings. When the fish

are predicted to be out of the river, why are most of them north of Yonkers?

3) It is argued that juveniles leave the river in winter to acclimate to the salt conditions encountered during subsequent adult migrations. However, juveniles have already been exposed to moderate saline conditions during their first year as the salt front advances upriver as the summer progresses.

4) It was suggested that this movement was analogous to that displayed by Chesapeake juveniles. However, my discussions with Maryland DNR representatives suggest that in the Maryland portion of the Bay the vast majority of juveniles are still found within the confines of their natal rivers. They do undergo winter movement; however, it appears to be random within the limits of these rivers. Even if they did enter the Bay proper the conditions would not be comparable to that encountered in New York Harbor, the Lower Bay, or the ocean. Winter salinities in the Upper Chesapeake Bay range from fresh to 10 ppt. If Upper Chesapeake juveniles left their natal streams it would not be for salinity acclimation. It has been demonstrated that Chesapeake fish don't enter the ocean until at least two years old.

5) Direct evidence for the wintertime existence of juveniles outside of the confines of the Hudson system was offered in the studies conducted by Byron Young of the NYS DEC. "Byron Young reports fairly common catches of yearling bass in Long Islan Sound March/April, well beyond the river." It is true that Byron Young seines many yearling bass in the western Sound within the confines of Manhasset and Little Neck Bays each year. However, discussions with Byron indicated that his seining operation in western Long Island Sound does not begin until at least late April, certainly never in March. Yearlings taken in Little Neck and Manhasset Bays at that time more than likely represent migrants moving out of the Hudson system rather than "stragglers from the inward movement back to the river."

The report goes on to speculate that "incidental catches of juveniles well out on eastern Long Island may also be representative of those fragments that never return." Yearlings trawled off Montauk in late June do not provide solid evidence in support of a wintertime oceanic population of Hudson juveniles. It is equally possible that those fish left their nursery grounds in the spring. In addition, juveniles taken off Montauk need not even be of Hudson origin.

6) The report estimates the impact of Westway in a vacuum in relation to the plight of the coastal migratory stock. While the traditional contribution of the Hudson to the coastal stock has been projected to be less than 10 percent, with its geographic impact limited to nearby New York coastal waters, this may no longer be the case. A recent study of the Newport, Rhode Island trap fishery suggested that well over 50 percent of its fish originated in the Hudson. In light of the poor spawning success in the Chesapeake, it is quite possible that Hudson migrants may be filling the void left by the absence of Chesapeake migrants. While the Hudson fishery is admittedly in good shape, its Westway-endangered "surplus" may be what's needed to repopulate coastal sites previously visited by Chesapeake fish.

Certainly the construction of Westway will not signal the end of the Hudson River striped bass. However, a substantial portion of the population will be affected and probably threatened. To believe these fish will find and utilize alternate mitigating shelters to be built in the dead end Morris Canal in New Jersey or perpendicular to the Westway landfill is foolish. Can we afford to lose 30 percent or even 10 percent of the current Hudson juvenile population without seriously diminishing future size of the Hudson and coastal stock? I don't know. However, I do know that a second **complete** year of study, as originally called for, is needed to get a clearer picture of the migratory behavior of this cherished resource.

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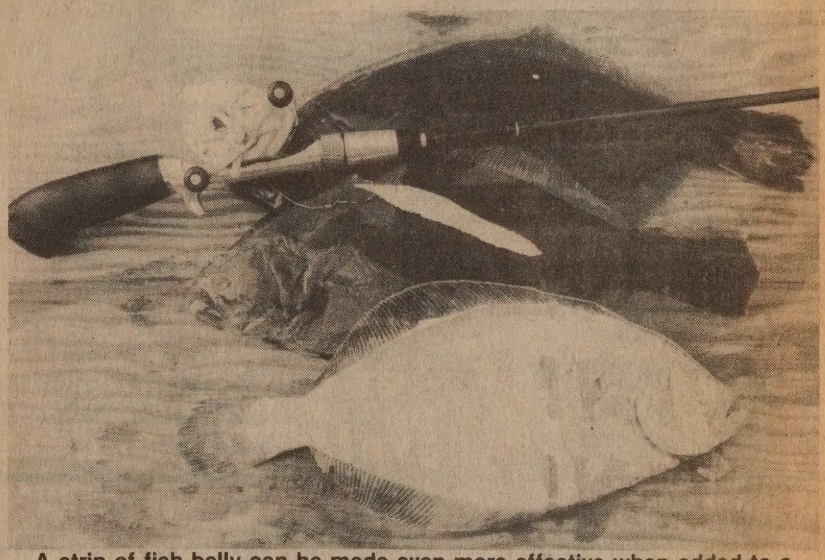
by Tom Schlichter

If nothing else, the heat of late summer means reduced catches of fluke for the average angler in our area. Sometime in late July or early August, the traditional fluke doldrums seem to take hold on our waters. It happens virtually every summer to a greater or lesser extent. The past two seasons have been more severe than most. Fluke scores during this period tend to become rather depressing—especially for those of us who only have time to fish on crowded weekends. How many Sundays can you recall drifting through Fire Island Inlet accompanied by 30 other skiffs, each boat hooking up with an occasional flattie while being tossed about like a small piece of cork by the wake of larger craft speeding toward offshore waters?

It need not be so unrewarding. There are still plenty of fluke around; you just have to know where to find them! That's not to say there are no fluke in their popular haunts—of course there are. These fish, however, are subject to constant heavy fishing pressure and thus are more reluctant to unthinkingly jump on your offerings.

When you think about it, fluke are probably less fond of heavy boat traffic and large crowds than are humans, thus they seek refuge from what they must consider to be constant noise and irritation. The smart fisherman takes advantage of this by planning his trips to coincide with periods of minimal boating activity. For the weekend angler, however, planning a trip during minimal boating periods is not a realistic possibility, as most weekends see considerable water traffic by seven or eight in the morning; thus other measures must be implemented.

One idea which has improved my scores is to simply move away from the crowds and fish unworked water. Although the primary cause of fluke lockjaw at this time of the year can usually be traced to water temperature, I feel that heavy boat traffic compounds the issue. As the noise and commotion on the water's surface begins to intensify, fluke feeding activity appears to sharply decrease. Granted, other factors such as sunlight and tides play an important role in determining fluke feeding patterns, but even when all factors are in your favor increased boating traffic will often begin to put flatfish (and other fish also), off their feed.



A strip of fish belly can be made even more effective when added to a bucktail jig.

Some fish will undoubtedly respond to this pressure by laying closed mouthed on the bay floor and a few may continue to feed, although many of these will quickly be picked up by the fleet. Others may begin to strike out in search of less busy waters and a reprieve from all the noise. The fisherman willing to set his own course away from the crowd may happen to find that his path coincides with that of those fluke seeking sanctuary. What's more, he may find these fish to be more tranquil and therefore, receptive to his offerings.

Moriches Bay sharpies picked up on this idea years ago. While the majority of fishermen in this area choose to pound the inlet waters drift after drift, day after day, a few knowing individuals work the back bay "flats" with consistently strong results. Marty Rubenstein showed me just how effective using float rigs for fluke on the Moriches flats could be as he ended many July and August days last season several fish ahead of people who worked the more popular inlet locations. On several occasions we left the inlet with but two or three fish in the bucket and then proceeded to do a number on them in the quiet backwaters of the bay.

Moving off the crowd does not necessarily require traveling a great distance. Many days just drifting a few hundred yards off the main fleet will increase your catch considerably. I suspect that the fact of the matter is not so much that the fish move out of a particular location as fishing pressure increases, but that they move out of the mainstream to some degree. It's safer on the sidewalk than it is in the street, if you'll allow me the analogy.

I plan most of my trips so that I can spend at least a little time testing popular hotspots before the weekend crowd begins to form. Leaving port at dawn should guarantee at least an hour or two of fishing before the pressure begins to build. If the action is acceptable, I usually stay put regardless of the number of people in the area. If action is lousy or suddenly subsides, however, I begin a systemactic search for productive waters. Usually this search begins with a few drifts along the perimeter of the fleet. Should that procedure prove futile, I begin to look for structure.

Frequently, small numbers of fluke can be found concentrated along the edges of docks, bulkheads, jetties or bridges. Virtually any form of structure is likely to attract and hold a few fluke. Be aware that the structure you seek need not be large. I know a submerged car off Bay Shore in about eight feet of water which is always

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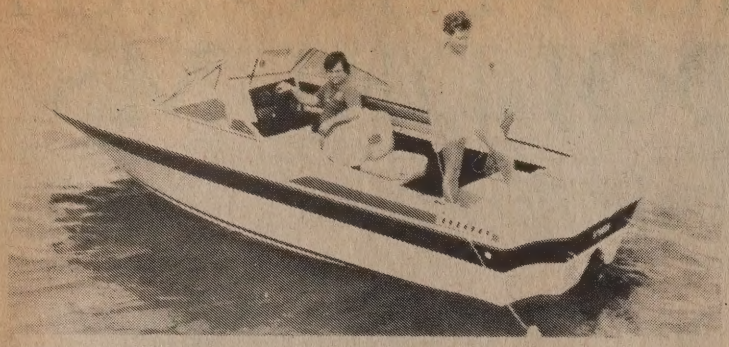

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I prefer anchoring to drifting when fishing over structure, as this allows me to more thoroughly work a given piece of bottom. Position yourself over or close to the particular spot you wish to fish. If at all practical, use a single anchor and short line to set your craft. This will allow your boat to drift slowly back and forth across productive bottom. Now all you need to do is work your baits or lures in the same general fashion that you would if you were drifting. Be sure to pay attention to your line as this type of fishing has been known to eat an occasional rig or two.

Structure fishing is a little more difficult than simply drifting. Not usually fast paced, most stops will produce three or four fish, but the totals add up as the day progresses. The best part of structure fishing is the size of the fish. These guys tend to average a little larger than open bottom fluke and your chances of nailing a few 2½ to 3 pounders are excellent.

When structure is nowhere to be found, or that which is available proves to be worthless, it's time to crank up the engine and head for the shallow "flats." Look for water depths varying between four and six feet and start drifting. Most of the fish on the flats will range in size from 14 to 18 inches, with an infrequent larger fish thrown in to spice up the day.

Although it's a commonly held belief that fluke feed only on the bottom, the newcomer to "flats" fishing will quickly notice that fluke frequently chase baits right up to boatside. Fluke in these shallow waters do not seem to mind rising up on occasion to grab a meal. Since these shallows are often loaded with bait stealing crabs and annoying weeds, some fishermen fish with float rigs.

Essentially, the float rig is set to allow your bait to skim just above the reach of crabs and weeds while still being in the primary strike zone of feeding fluke. It is constructed by placing a small bobbin or float several feet ahead of the hook so that the bait will be suspended six to eight inches above the bottom. A small split shot or two, pinched six inches over the bait, will help keep your hooks from riding high.

While many float fishermen prefer heavier hooks, I employ size 2 to 4 Eagle Claw or Mustad hooks. These hooks are light enough to allow your bait to appear natural and float easily (especially when using spearing or sand eel baits), and tough enough to boat any fluke you may happen to tangle with. Hook your baits once through the head or eyes and add a small sliver of local squid or fish strip and you're set for action. This is an excellent setup for dead sticking, by the way, as the bobbin and waves will impart all the action necessary to entice your quarry.

Despite the fact that this method of

fluking is used almost exclusively in Moriches Bay, it can be equally deadly on the flats of Great South Bay or Shinnecock. If you find the conditions warrant, don't hesitate to give it a shot no matter what body of water you happen to be fishing.

Rigs used for structure or drift fishing are similar. The traditional drift rig is tied by attaching a two to four ounce bank sinker to your line via an end loop. Two to four inches above this a #1/0 or 2/0 Sproat style hook is tied in by a dropper loop. Here again I prefer to use smaller, lighter hooks such as the aforementioned Eagle Claws. Another hook which has been steadily gaining in popularity is the English wide gap. Despite its profound shape, I find this hook to have excellent holding power and seem to lose fewer fish due to the hook slipping.

Bait choice varies depending on where you fish and the preference of fluke from year to year. A few years ago, killies and squid combos were the most consistent producers. The past two seasons have seen sand eels or spearing baits bring home the better scores and this trend seems likely to continue as there are vast quantities of these skittish baitfish still in our waters.

If you enjoy using artificials, one to three ounce bucktails or plastic bodied lead heads will serve admirably. These work especially well when tipped with a strip of squid or fish.

It's also a good idea to carry along a few snapper hooks as fresh, small, snappers make one of the most rewarding baits. Hook these baby blues through the eyes or lips and fish them near structure and you're likely to hook up with your biggest fish of the day.

Medium to medium light tackle is the norm although lighter tackle can be used, especially in the shallow water situations. A conventional reel such as the Daiwa Millionaire 4M or spinning reel the likes of the Powerline 3000, coupled with a medium tapered rod of 5½ to 6½ feet in length will do the job.

Be sure to bring a net along as fluke have a nasty habit of slipping the hook if you simply try to swing them aboard. I use a wide faced net with a line marked 14 inches from the handle's end which I use to measure fish which are close to the legal limit. Remember, all fish measuring less than 14 inches from head to tail end must be released unharmed. Following this law will help ensure good fishing for all of us in the future.

When you get down to the nitty-gritty, there is no easy, surefire way to fill the cooler with fluke during the heat of late summer, but systematically seeking out these finny creatures is certain to improve your score at least a little bit. Even if the fishing continues at a slow pace, at least you'll be able to sit back and enjoy a little peace and maybe even a chuckle as you watch the mob battle itself in the distance.

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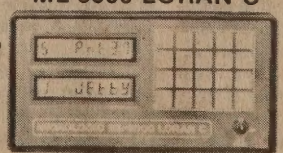

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FISHING THE DRY

by Chris Cavalski

Delicacy and not distance is of prime importance in presenting a dry fly to trout. This, in itself, is the main ingredient to the successful dry fly fishing recipe.

Distance of a cast should be held below 30 feet for reasons of accuracy and fly visibility. Average eyesight is definitely taxed when it is expected to discern a small delicate fly in conflicting shade and glare of a trout pool and if the fly can't be properly focused upon, the the possibility of misdirection and missed strikes increases greatly.

So it is important to approach as closely as possible to the area being fished before casting. This is a fact that separates many dry fly fishermen into two distinct categories: those who catch and those who catch not.

Those who catch know the value of keeping a low profile and whenever possible approaching the fish from downstream. At times this may mean crouching or even moving on one's knees if need be through the last few yards before a prime casting location is reached. This is especially true in relation to the smaller streams where the distance between fish and shoreline can be at a minimum.

So much for the approach. Cutting down one's silhouette and getting as close as possible to a fish without being detected is what is important.

Delicacy in casting and presenting the fly is a more involved matter. The end result is, of course, making the artiicial appear as natural as possible to the trout. Here it is equipment and technique that again separates the categories of those who catch and those who catch not.

Starting with the fly rod: the longest possible fly rod that can be used effectively for the conditions present should be used. The longer the rod, the more accurate the cast. More line can be kept off the water with each additional foot of rod's length as can the line be mended better and the strike made quicker.

When it comes to the line, rod manufacturers designate line sizes matched to their products. In the area of dry fly fishing using line one size smaller than the designated helps to increase the delicacy with which a fly can be laid upon the water. Smaller line means slower line speed which then helps to eliminate the possibility of a leader turning over the air and the resulting fish frightening splash of the fly being driven onto the water's surace.

The length of the leader is important in relation to the conditions present. In small overgrown streams or in extremely rough water a smaller six foot leader will be more effective than the nine footer used for most streams and average fishing conditions. It is the tippet that can compliment or adversely affect the fly's presentation.

The tippet should be matched to the size and type of fly being used. A tippet that is too thin causes loss of accuracy when used in conjunction with a large or bulky fly. At the other end of the spectrum, a small delicate fly on a firm heavy tippet will carry too fast and increase the possibility of being turned over and driven onto the water's surface.

Once a delicate presentation can be made then accuracy and drag are the remaining considerations for successful dry fly fishing.

Accuracy is important in that you want to present your fly as naturally as possible to the fish. The chances of a strike decreases the number of casts increase, so when you finally lay your fly down on the water the closer it is to the point you wish it to be, the more chance you will have of having a trout rise for it.

In working a fly to the point you wish it to be remember, keep from casting it directly over the fish. Also, make sure all your false casts are to one side or the other of the fish. Never back cast a fly not taken on a previous dirft over the area a fish is in. The moisture on the fly and leader comes off in little droplets causing a disturbance on the water's surface that can be enough to make the fish become wary.

Laying a fly in front of a waiting trout is the culmination of equipment and technique, having it be presented in a natural manner means the eliminating of line drag on the fly's drift.

This is accomplished by standing behind the fish and casting ahead of it in such a manner as to present the fly naturally without the interference of the line.

This is usually accomplished by casting at an oblique angle towards the fish or by curving the cast either left or right in the case of a straight line being formed between fishermen and fish.

Whichever the case, the action of the water on the leader and the resulting drag imparted on the drifting fly must be kept at a minimum if the fly is to be presented in the most natural fish enticing manner.

One way to achieve this is to set some spring in the line as it lays down on the water's surface. With curves or waves in the line the drift of the fly remains natural for a longer amount of time. This can be achieved with the use of limp monofilament leader and a high forward cast. Such a cast causes the line to jolt backwards somewhat when it contends with the rod's tension causing it to curve as it lays on the water.

To aid this curving action, drop your rod tip down as soon as the front section of line touches the water. This increases the curling effect and will nearly double the amount of slack that will be needed to run straight before the fly begins to drag.

In smaller streams or in areas where conditions will not permit such a cast, attempt to cast in such a manner as to lay the rear end of your line over a rock, stump, or similar obstruction. Such a procedure will help keep that portion of the line from being acted fully upon by the current and in turn, give your fly a longer drag free drift.

Now for some particulars that can help you towards being an expert dry fly fisherman.

First learn to cast with both hands. That's right—cast with both hands. You needn't learn to work the line ambidextrously, but it is important that you should be able to cast effectively with both the left and the right. Why? For two very good reasons. One: some areas can only be fished properly with a right or a left-handed cast because of obstructions and their lay with the current. Second: the majority of fishermen are right-handed and work areas in that manner leaving some locations unfished. It's a fact and something to think about, isn't it?

Another thing—vision is extremely important when dry fly fishing and fishing into the glare of the water should be avoided whenever possible. If laying a fly into the direct glare is the only alternative left to you, then give yourself and not the fish, the edge. Use a dark colored fly so you can have a better chance to see what's occurring.

Also, trout will always face up-current, but this does not necessarily mean upstream. Currents and general streams directions can, at times, be tricky, so a few minutes spent in careful observation of a given area can often mean better fishing.

Along with carefully observing the area's current direction and variations it is a good idea to pay close attention to how current interacts with undercuts and rocks, for in such areas some of the larger trout are to be found. Also, keep an eye not only to the riffles at the head of a pool, but be sure to check for depressions or deepening water at the riffles' termination point. Sometimes such areas so unfished and although the riffles' start is a prime feeding location for trout—the deeper points father back may, at times, interest the larger size fish who are content to pick and choose at their snacks without the expending of too much energy.

If a situation presents itself where a choice location cannot be fished from downstream and the only alternative to not fishing the area is to fish it either across stream or from an upstream location try skittering your fly to minimize line drag. Do this by casting nearby to the fish and, holding your rod tip high, jiggle it about. This will cause the fly to dance off and on the water and is also a good method to get reluctant fish interested in striking.

Another method to cut down drag in a down or an across stream drift is to drop cast the line over a branch, shore point, or similiar fixture and feed out slack to compensate for the current's force on the line.

All the preceding information will be of no avail to one who is not careful in the water. Entering the water should be the last option to any serious dry fly fishermen. When it must be done, it should be done slowly with a quiet care, otherwise all that is left is empty water from which nervous fish have fled.

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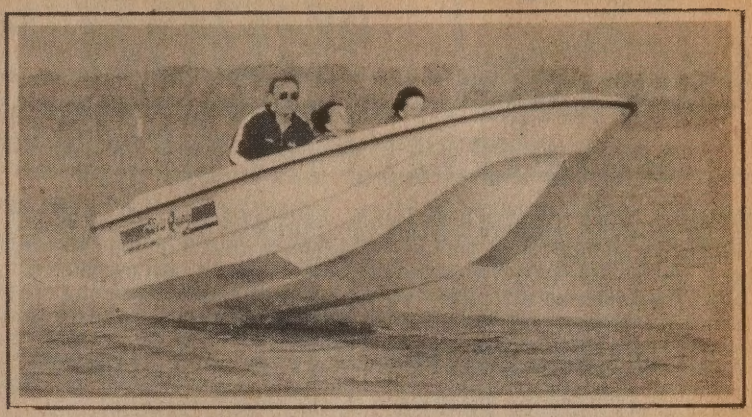

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ROD PLANERS

by Russ Wilson

Rod planers will definitely increase your bluefish catch when the choppers are feeding in deeper waters.

The number of bluefish currently inhabiting the waters along the coast is astronomical, and yet many saltwater anglers are not catching the amount of these hard-fighting fish that they should. There are several ways to go about extracting the choppers from their watery home and getting them into the fish box. Unfortunately, not all who fish the salt chuck are willing to experiment to increase their enjoyment.

Deep water trolling is a way of life to many charter boat skippers. They have to produce fish for the paying customers and in order to do so they will go to whatever extremes it takes to get the desired results. Quite often this means trolling with downriggers, using wire or lead core lines or using rod planers to take the lures down where the blues are feeding.

I am a firm believer in using wire line. Wire is easy to master and will carry lures down to moderate depths. Usually a 150 shot of single strand will prove deadly when the blues, stripers and weakfish are in waters of 30 feet. Once the fish drop below this level, however, wire is not as effective as some other methods—specifically, rod planers or down riggers.

The use of down riggers has gained in popularity as newer, more advanced models come into the marketplace. Today's sport fisherman can pick and choose from many different type downriggers including manual or electric, with built-in rod holders and even those which can be used with multiple lures stacked at varying levels off one rigger line.

If you are fishing with several friends, the downrigger is a very effective device that will most certainly add to your fishing success and enjoyment. But, and this is a big but, if you do a lot of fishing alone, downriggers can be a hassle. In fact, if I am alone on the Mako I would not attempt to use the downrigger because of the additional effort it takes to crank in the weights each time I hook a hard fighting slammer blue or a long running striper.

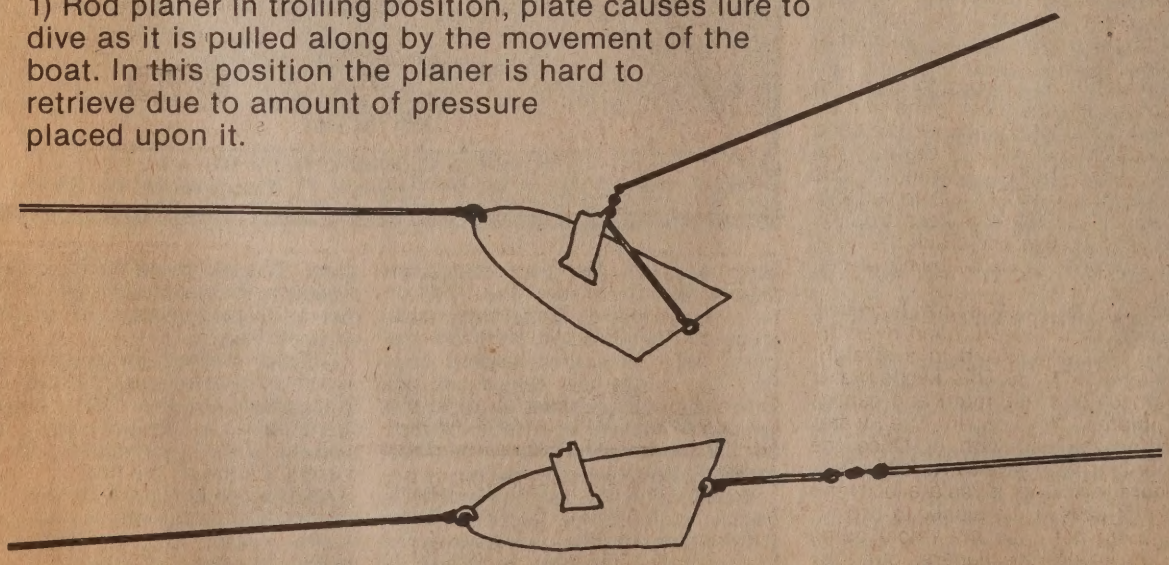
I honestly feel it takes at least two anglers to work the downriggers effectively. One person grabs the fishing rod that has a fish, the other cranks up the weight on each downrigger and tries to keep the boat on a straight heading while the first fisherman fights his quarry.

Rod planers will carry the lures deep, can be handled by a lone angler and are much easier to master than wire line. I will use rod planers when the blues or weakies are feeding 30 to 40 feet below the surface. If they are deeper than this I cannot present a lure with the #3 planer I use and for sure I cannot get down to them with a 150 foot shot of single strand since it does not go that deep when used at trolling speeds.

The rod planer has another plus: it can be used with reasonably light tackle. Popping style rods equipped with mid-size revolving spool reels, 15 pound test monofilament line and a single spoon, plug or tube offer the angler a chance to enjoy the fight of his fish. I've caught some bragging size blues and weakfish when utilizing the rod planers around many of the middle range high bottom lumps where water depth does not exceed 50 or 60 feet.

As with all good things, rod planers also have a few drawbacks. Probably the most aggravating of which is the need to handline your catch the final 50 feet to the transom. If you plan to use planers with any degree of success you must rig the lures on a dropper leader so they are trolled

1) Rod planer in trolling position, plate causes lure to dive as it is pulled along by the movement of the boat. In this position the planer is hard to retrieve due to amount of pressure placed upon it.



2) Rod planer in tripped position. When fish hits, it pulls clip from planer and is then fought in normal fashion without the presure of planer. Planer will actually cause fish to rise toward surface which also allows use of light tackle.

back from the planer and out of the commotion it makes as it is dragged along by the boat.

Some charter skippers use leaders measuring 20 to 50 feet and others go with longer leaders which often stretch out 100 feet behind the boat. I find the handlining rubs me the wrong way, and that alone makes rod planers a second or third choice under many fishing situations.

However, there is no doubt that they will increase your catch of bluefish, and here's why. During early morning or late evening hours blues, bass and weakfish will feed closer to the surface due to the lack of boat traffic and surface commotion. You can go with short shots of wire or even monofilament trolling lines under conditions such as these.

But, as boat traffic increases throughout the day, fish become spooked and will retreat to the depths. That's when the rod planer comes into its own. You can run your lures deep, use light tackle and still put a mess of fish in the box. The guys who are fishing the same area and using wire line will catch some fish as will the downrigger advocates. But, you stand a much better chance of filling the fish box because you do not have to spend a lot of time lowering the lures, cranking in the downrigger weights or messing around the heavy trolling rods that are matched to wire line trolling.

Most shore area bait and tackle shops have the planers in stock. They are reasonably priced, will last for years and can save many an otherwise fishless day.

I believe the first planers were designed by a New Jersey resident by the name of Staaden and these are still available throughout the northeastern shore. You can get them in several sizes ranging from the smaller models which are used with a fishing rod to giant ones that are rigged on "snubbers" with 150 lb. monofilament or nylon line.

The planer is set prior to dropping it over the side by moving the ring up to the top of the bar and over the bend so it causes the metal to dig into the water when pulled. While in this position, it is very difficult to retrieve the planer, and many trollers drop the engine out of gear and crank the lures in without any pressure being placed upon the planer.

When a fish hits the lure, however, that ring then slides up and over the top of the bracket and in a straight line with the rod. This keeps water resistance at a minimum and causes the planer to rise in the water bringing the fish with it. Once the planer is tripped you can easily crank in your lures. And, if you are lucky the fish that caused the planer to trip.

I would not base my whole game plan on using rod planers, but they are one more item in the arsenal that swings the odds more to my side and I would not consider an offshore trolling trip without having a couple of them on the boat.

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BLUE MOON

by Gerald Hahn

Hordes of anglers cap their summer day by going a few rounds with Mr. Chopper.

Nowadays, nighttime bluefishing doesn't have to take place in bright moonlight to be effective. Party boats have strong floodlights that wash the dark ocean surface in a great circle of brilliant light and attract countless baitfish. Sand eels, needlefish, anchovies, and squid, curious about the apparent daylight, rise to the surface only a few feet from the boat, while bluefish wait in the wings for the right moment to make their move. Oddly enough, one of the great pleasures of going bluefishing at night is that you see more marine life than in the day.

Another advantage of the night is that the fishing is often better than in the day, especially during the hot summer months of July and August. Bluefish stop feeding when the water gets too warm, but in the cool of the night, they become ravenous for a midnight meal. And when the prey they seek are suddenly silhouetted in brilliant artificial light, the blues become more aggressive than ever. Sometimes you can see streak by in a silvery blur.

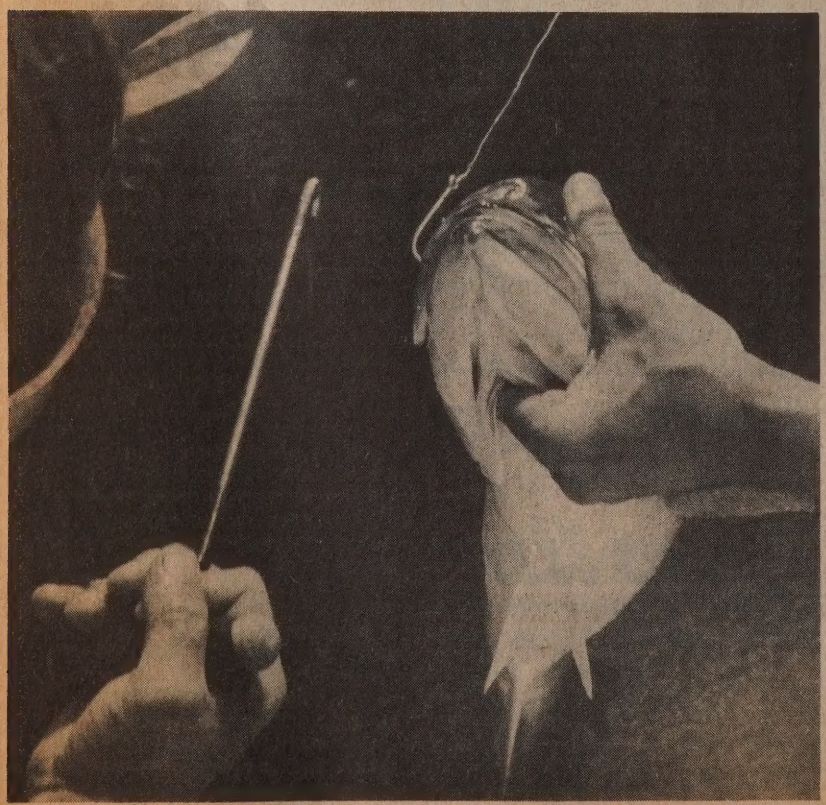
The artificial light merely bathes the surface water, however, and therefore the fishing is generally performed with bait rather than with lures. The bait varies from one boat to another, but this is no problem, since blues are not fussy. For example, in the South Shore's west end, one boat may stock butterfish, another sand eels, and a third strips of bunker or mackerel. In the east end, Montauk fishermen use the whole thing, foot-long bunker or herring.

Tackle for night fishing generally consists of a 40 lb. class conventional rod, 6 or 7 feet long, and a reel comparable to the Penn Jigmaster or the Daiwa 50-H. Actually, reels with slower retrieves, such as the Penn 65, are just as effective at night, since quick retrieves are seldom necessary. At Montauk, where teen-size fish are often taken, a Penn Senator saves wear on the angler's biceps.

West end fishermen like to drift baits near the surface, and they favor a rig that disappears in the night. A 6/0 Beak or O'Shaughnessy hook on a short, single-strand wire leader is employed. The leader comes with a barrel swivel at the other end, and all the components of this rig are colored dark brown or black. An improved clinch knot connects the swivel to the end of the fishing line, and the rig is complete. Some fishermen add a small clinch sinker or a rubber core sinker about 18 inches above the hook, to gain some casting distance and to help get the bait moving.

Baiting up with this rig is just as simple as tying it. A whole butterfish, for example, is impaled through the ridge near its eyes and then in the shoulder. Sand eels and similar sized baits are hooked through the head or through the mouth and out the gill cover and then near the tail. Strip baits, about 1'' x 3'', are also impaled twice: once through the skin near one end and again in the center, so that the remainder dangles in the current.

At Montauk, however, most of the night fishing is performed on the bottom and in the strong currents south of Block Island a heavy chain and rail rig is required. The large bluefish here don't mind the gaudy display, provided it is attached to a whole baitfish. An 8 inch window sash chain serves as the leader for two hooks, one at the end of the chain and another on a split ring that is secured to one of the links above. The top hook is adjustable, so that the bunker or herring remains straight. The hooks, 8/0 to 10/0 O'Shaughnessies, hold bait fore and aft: the top hook goes through the lower jaw and out the top of the head, and the bottom hook is impaled just ahead of the tail, thereby tightening the exposed chain along one side of the bait. On some boats, only one hook is employed, and a Duo-Lock snap is substituted for the top hook. The snap is inserted through the baitfish's eyes and the other end of the snap is connected to the chain. The rest of the rig is the same. On either of these rigs, a football-shaped drail sinker weighing 10 oz. is secured above the chain with an S-connector. The other end of the



Most night bluefishing is done with bait. A hook disgorger or pair of long-nose pliers make unhooking big choppers a less risky proposition.

drail, which comes with two eyelets, is connected to the fishing line. Montauk fishermen are not ashamed to use 50 lb. test and may even resort to a long leader of 80 lb. test. If you think this is overloading the rig, try fishing with something lighter here. I've seen choppers cut 80 lb. test like a knife through butter.

West enders also fish on the bottom, but with a lighter rig. The same hook and wire leader that is used for drifting bait is put in service with a 6 to 8 oz. bank sinker about 6 inches below. A length of monofilament secures this connection, with an improved clinch at the upper eye of the barrel swivel and an end loop for sinker below.

East and west, when fishing with bait, it is important to maintain razor-sharp hooks. When rigging such baits as bunker and herring, moreover, the barb should be inspected for loose fish scales which may interfere with a solid hookup. It goes without saying that the drag on the reel should be set below the breaking strength of the line, but not so light that a large blue will take too much line.

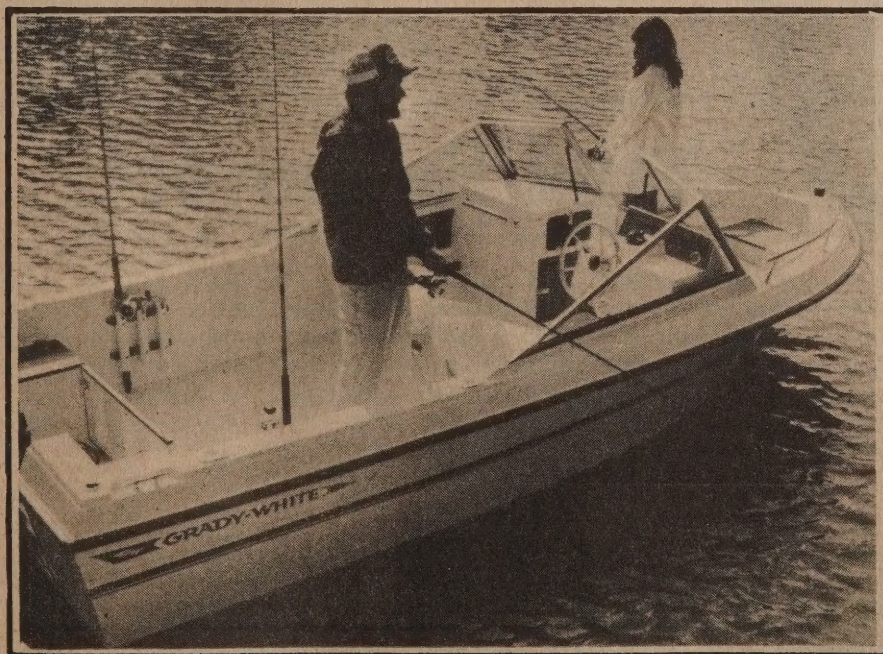
The most exciting and challenging kind of fishing at night is drifting bait near the surface. At first the light bait hardly moves at all, but soon the current pulls it away from the boat. When about 100 to 150 feet of line is paid out, the reel is engaged. Although it is difficult to estimate such distances at night (indeed, it's hard enough in the day when fishing offshore), the bait should stop more or less at the edge of the pool of light. This is the night blue's favorite hangout. Marking the line with a rubber band or with tape makes it easy to repeat the process. The thrill of this kind of fishing is that the blue takes the bait near the top and often emits a shower of silvery spray as he takes to the inky black air. My favorites are the 6 to 8 pounders that dart this way and that, leap and dive, and sometimes head straight for the boat faster than the retrieve. There is nothing like it.

Then again, at Montauk the large blues are so strong that anglers' arms become cramped. The reel simply doesn't crank. Hooking up with a teen-sized chopper 110' below and managing him to the surface is a challenge indeed. Compounding the problem, when the fish is more than halfway up, it often behaves like a younger specimen.

Top or bottom, experienced anglers watch the line carefully when fishing with bait. Blues do not strike bait the way they smash a lure, and frequently, a leaden weight is felt on the line rather than a solid jolt. The fish is merely mouthing the bait, and the best thing to do is to hold the rod absolutely still. When the fish swallows the bait, several sharp downward jolts are felt. Then a solid lift of the rod sets the hook and the battle is on. When a blue moves to the side, the veteran fisherman always moves with it, ducking in front of one person, passing his rod over the head of another. This reduces the likelihood of a tangle. When a blue decides to get a breath of night air, the angler responds by taking his rod to the water; that is, by lowering the tip so that the fish is sent back where it belongs. This movement prevents a head-shaking breakoff on a slack line. When the fish is finally ready for the gaff, its head should remain in the water as well.

Although baitfishing, top and bottom, predominates at night, there are times when bluefish will take an artificially lighted lure. A luminescent diamond jig is employed. The jig is covered with a chemically treated plastic that glows in the dark, requiring neither floodlight nor moonlight. Holding it near a deck light, however, "charges" the lure, and then it is fished like any daytime jig.

In the west end, party boats at Sheepshead Bay, Freeport and Captree fish for night blues throughout the summer, and Montauk has at least two boats going for them as well. Since most boats depart around 7 or 7:30 PM, the nighttime angler gets a glorious sunset on the sea as a bonus. If fishing on a hot summer day leaves you with little more than a suntan and a lot of sweat, try fishing at night in cool ocean breezes. Indeed, at night the only sweat on your brow will come from battling blues.



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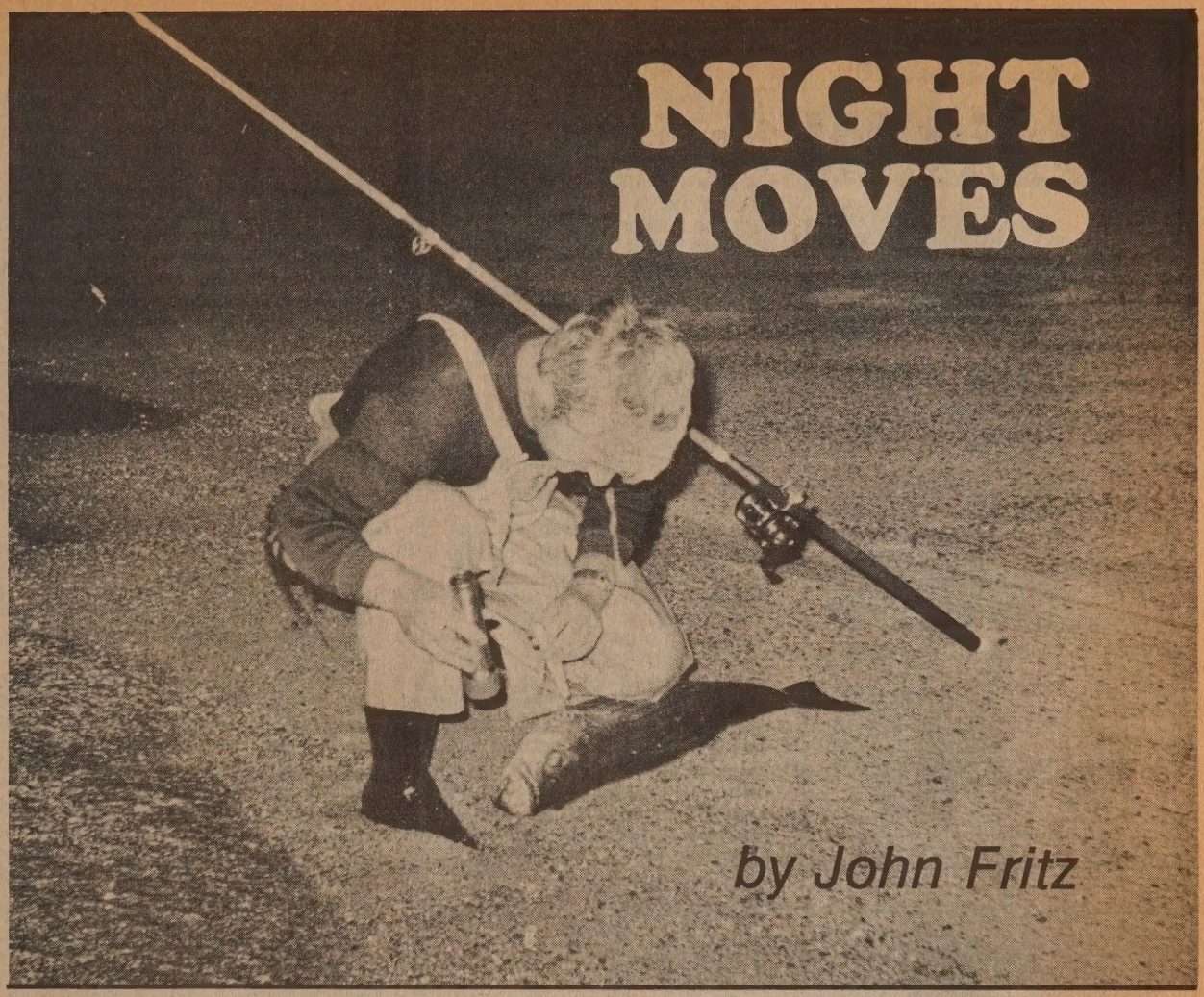

NIGHT MOVES

by John Fritz

Veteran surfmen know that night tides produce the bulk of summertime action.

There are numerous facets to the sport of surf casting. Some adherents choose to pursue just one aspect, while others will indulge in a variety of practices. Those who are flexible in their approach to surf fishing, conforming to a particular need whenever it arises, rather than persisting with a single technique, no matter how rewarding it has been, will undoubtedly finish up the season with more fish on the beach. Whether one dunks worms along a north shore beach dressed in sneakers and jeans or if one dons a wet suit and paddles to an offshore rock in the Montauk surf, as a general rule, more quality game fish will be taken during the nighttime hours. This is especially true during the hot summer months when a bright sun forces the game fish to seek shelter in the deeper waters, beyond the reach of shore-bound anglers, but where knowledgeable boatmen can take fish throughout the daylight hours. Of course, there are exceptions and every season incidents are related where some novice lands a trophy bass under a noonday sun, but occurrences such as this are extremely rare. If a surf fisherman, for whatever reason, cannot or will not fish during the hours of darkness, then his most serious attempts to land quality fish should be undertaken at a time when the fish are migrating. Unfortunately, such an approach will waste many weeks of the season, a time when excellent results could be had by fishing in the light of a pale moon rather than a bright sun.

Whatever techniques are employed during the daylight hours, similar methods can be used on most occasions at night, although they require a greater degree of expertise in handling one's equipment. In addition, an increasing amount of attention should be given to safety and in some instances from alarming the fish and driving them from the shallows. The latter concern is of particular importance when fishing in comparatively calm and shallow waters. Loud noises, splashing, bright lights can all contribute, in varying degrees, to having a detrimental effect on the success of the fishing. Few, if any, experienced anglers plugging waist deep on a calm, peaceful night will intentionally disturb the tranquil mood of the evening. When several companions are working an area in close proximity to each other the exuberance inadvertently expressed when the fish are cooperating has, on several occasions, curtailed what had promised to be a banner night's fishing. Similarly, the disturbance caused by a thoughtless angler who breaks the serenity by hurriedly splashing his way through the water will send the game fish scurrying to parts unknown while placing his safety in a somewhat compromising position. It is wise to approach any fishing location, where entering the water is necessary, at a slow and cautious pace. Even if one is thoroughly familiar with the area to be fished, a slow shuffling gait, literally sliding one's feet along the bottom, will cause less alarm to any game fish in the area and warn the angler of any potholes, obstructions or soft spots in his path. Such an approach is most welcome by other anglers if they are previously in position, making them more receptive

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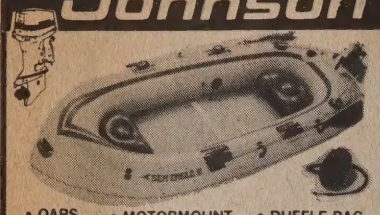

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to questioning about the night's activities, than if one blunders into the water with little regard for the hours of patient casting already put in by those on the scene.

Safety is a major concern when wading a considerable distance from the shore whether it be in daylight or when the area is illuminated by whatever the background lighting or moon provides. Swift currents coupled with sharp dropoffs are obviously a prime source of concern. Less apparent, but nevertheless a situation which bears some thought, is a combination of flat calm water, a rising tide, little perceptible wind and a thick layer of fog. A blend of tranquil natural forces which has been the source of apprehension for numerous anglers who have wandered too far off the beach while engrossed in catching fish and lost their bearings.

In several locations about this island of ours, the better fishing is to be found only after an angler has pushed his way seaward a significant distance along the ridge of a bar. Many such prime sites are positioned at the mouths of inlets or projecting from a prominent point along the shore, both are areas where boatmen are regularly encountered. During the daylight hours an angler standing waist deep in the water will, in most cases, be readily detected by the operator of the boat. At night, when visibility is severely restricted, the danger of being run over by a boat cutting across the bar is an all too frequent possibility. Any approaching craft should be kept under surveillance and at the first indication that it's bearing is in your direction, it is best to begin a hasty retreat or start flashing a warning signal from your neck light. Incidents of this type are more likely to occur in the more protected waters about the island, particularly in the relatively safe confines of Long Island Sound, where unthinking boatmen will advance the throttle to its fullest even though they cannot be sure of what lies in the water ahead.

Hopefully the need of carrying a neck light will be for reasons other than warding off reckless boatmen. Most experienced surf fishermen acknowledge the necessity of having a functioning portable light of some sort to aid in their furtive activities. These same veterans of the nocturnal tides will resort to the use of a light only when absolutely necessary, preferring instead to perform all routine tasks using the sense of touch or the visibility gained from the combination of one's night vision and the available background illumination. The ability to discern objects at night without the aid of artificial lighting is a natural body reaction once the eyes become accustomed to the darkness. Some individuals are able to achieve a greater degree of night vision, but every average person, with a bit of practice, can realize a surprising measure of this normal reflex action. Of course, one's normal vision has a direct bearing on a person's ability to see at night. It takes a certain period of time to acquire and can be lost indefinitely when one resorts to using his neck light or glances at the headlights of an approaching vehicle. It is surprising how many routine chores can be fulfilled without the aid of a light, a practice which will eventually become a habit that will be less likely to frighten nearby game fish or attract other fishermen. On your next outing try to complete those repetitious functions in the dark before yielding to the temptation of switching on the light. In most instances lures can be changed and checked for weed or fouled hooks and fish can be beached or gaffed, unhooked and hung on the stringer if each move is thought of beforehand and executed carefully.

Tangled lines and tying knots are frequently too intricate to be undertaken without additional light. At such times it is best to back out of the water if at all practical or at the very least to turn one's back to the fishing sector so that any misdirected beam will flash harmlessly in the shallows towards the shore.

The neck lights most favored by veteran surfmen fall into two categories: those which project a strong beam which are most often required when fishing from a jetty-like structure or in a turbulent surf. The calm, placid shallows, on the other hand, generally require little more than a light which produces a pencil shaped beam of light. Probably the most popular light in the latter category is the Tekna-Lite II Model T-2000 which is powered by two AA batteries, even though an increasing number of surfmen are content to tape a disposable flashlight to a strap so that it can be carried around the neck. When circumstances dictate the need for a more powerful beam the Tekna-Lite II Model T-715 fulfills the requirement satisfactorily, for it is energized by four AA batteries. The advantage of using the Tekna Lite over any of the other neck lights used by fishermen is that this light was designed for divers and is, therefore, completely waterproof. The smaller light weighing only 3.25 ounces, with batteries, and measuring less than one inch in diameter is quite comfortable when held in one's mouth. It is activated by a simple 1/4 turn of the lens bezel, thereby eliminating contact switches prone to corrosion when used in a saltwater environment. The lone modification required of this light is to add a strip of black vinyl tape to the sides of the dome-like lens cover so that the beam is directed entirely forward and not sideways where it will do little but blind the angler. In the Long Island area either models of this excellent light are available at Kronuch's Tackle Shop in the town of Montauk.

Neck lights are ideal for plug casters and even though they are beneficial to those fishing bait, the bottom fisherman requires a light which will illuminate the rod tip

whenever it is resting in the sand spike. Most local anglers favor using a Coleman lantern, which when properly positioned the beam of which will encompass several rods. While many oceanfront surfmen disregard the need to shield the lantern's intense glare from shining directly into the water, others feel that this will have an adverse effect on the fishing. They will scoop out a depression in the sand, placing the lantern in the hollow so that the beam is angled skyward and therefore only the tips of the rods are visible. As an additional aid in detecting the slightest movement of the rod tip, the section of the rod between the tip and the first guide can be painted white or wrapped with strips of luminescent tape. Such bright lights are shunned by those who work the placid waters of the north shore. Here they tend to rely on the greater amount of background lighting against which the rods are silhouetted.

While we are still on the subject of lighting, I should mention that there is one type of illumination which all nighttime surfmen deplore and that occurs when the sea is saturated with luminescence, more commonly referred to as simply fire. The effect of this natural phenomenon is directly related to the brightness of the night, being particularly harmful on dark nights coupled with calm seas. In certain instances it is possible to locate an area of the shore where the effects of the fire is diminished. Although many surfmen immediately lose interest when confronted with a glowing sea there are occasions when excellent fishing can be had under these circumstances, so at least give it a try.

Basic theory holds that an angler should use darkly colored lures on dark nights while a bright moon calls for the opposite hue. It is a wise strategy to follow at the start of a night's fishing, but if no results are forthcoming, by all means try light colored lures. Of more importance is the need to retrieve any lure used at night at a slow—I mean slow, rate of speed.

The ability to successfully work the shorelines at night is a sign that a surfman has reached a higher degree of achievement than the angler who chooses to fish strictly during the daylight hours. The initial outings might seem strange for all things are amplified in the quiet and obscurity of the darkness. One's senses tends to perceive sounds unnoticed during the day. The raucous squawk of a distant night heron, the nearby splat as a sundial chases a piece of bait on the surface, the rhythmic whoosh of your companion's rod further down the beach or the looming black outline as the waves from a passing ship silently rush towards the shore occupy one's attention until suddenly your heart leaps into your mouth as an unseen game fish smashes your plug within a few feet of where you're standing and the battle is engaged.

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THE JOYS OF SNAPPER FISHING

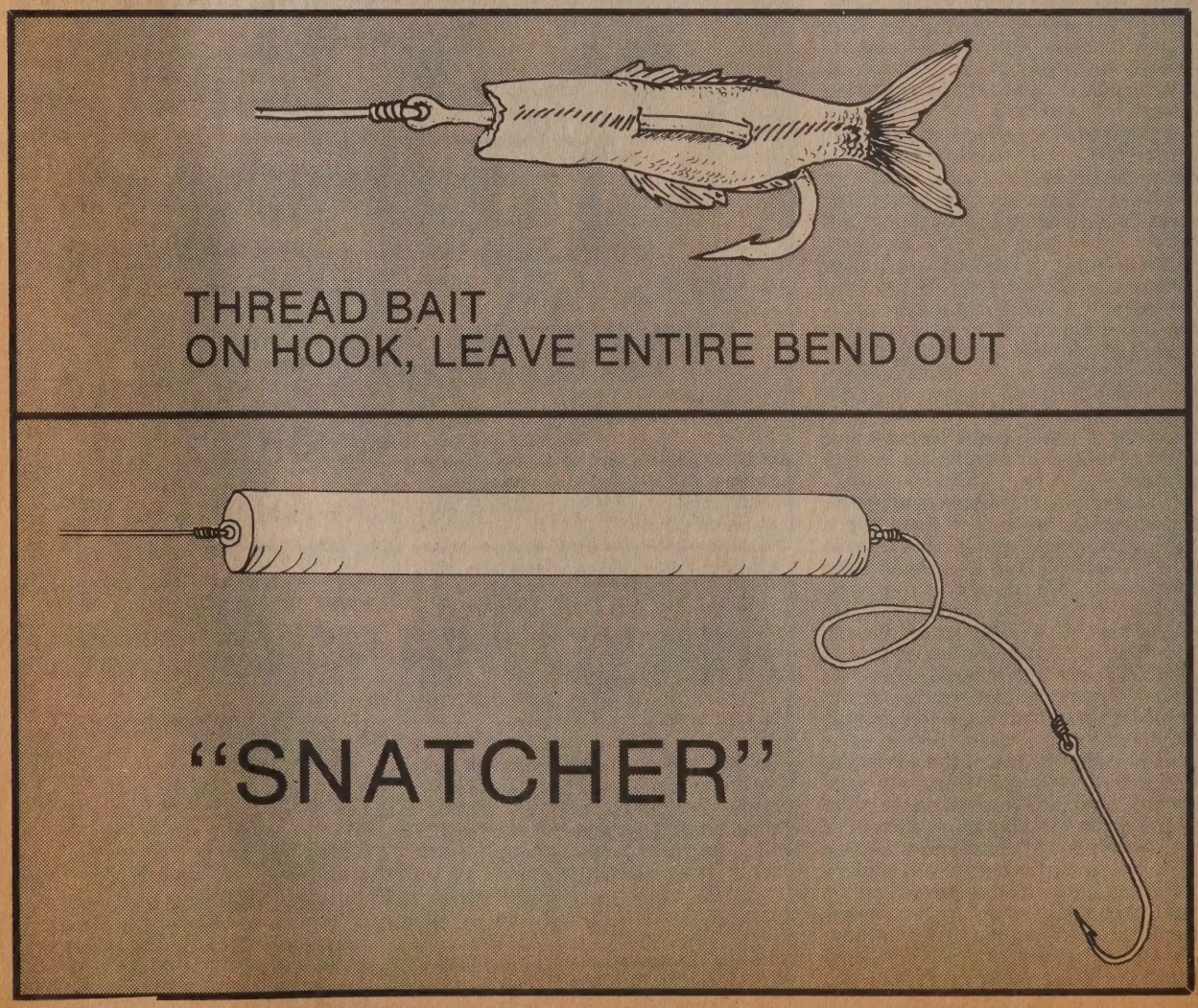
by Steve Wendell

What better way to introduce your children to the thrills of salt water fishing.

Snapper fishing is the way more youngsters are introduced to salt-water fishing, than all other types combined. The young bluefish and the young novice combine to initiate the young angler into the fraternity of fishermen. The best part about learning to fish during the snapper season is that you learn to catch fish. You start out a winner. Many a potential angler has lost all desire to ever fish again, after sitting for hours in the hot sun holding a pole and catching nothing. You can't tell a youngster that he's having a good time—the fun has to be there. Catching fish is no small part of this thing called fishing; it's not the only thing, but try explaining that to a youngster who is fishing for the first time.

From the moment they are hatched, the blues are governed by two basic rules: One: swim away from anything larger than you; and Two: swim after anything smaller than you. Upon reaching maturity, they will get a brief rest each year to spawn, but other than this, the bluefish lives its whole life in the fast line. Because they spend their whole life at this pace, they achieve a fantastic growth rate. The little fish that we call snappers this year, will be the two to four pound fish of next year.

The little blues are every bit as ferocious as their older and larger relatives, and there is not much skill needed to catch them. There is a tad



more effort required to get the bigger ones out of the water once they have been hooked, though.

This article is going to concern the little fellows—both fish and would be fisher-persons.

First, let's get the kids set up. Almost any rod and reel you can find will be adequate, but you might want to lean toward lighter tackle, as the fish are small, and the youngsters will probably find the lighter equipment easier to handle. If you are going to purchase tackle, one of those blister pack outfits such as the ones offered by Daiwa or Shakespeare are fine, although anything you feel the kids will be able to handle will be suitable, as there isn't a lot of casting involved.

After the second or third week in July, the rivers, bays and creeks along the shore are usually loaded with snappers. Almost any place you choose to fish will produce fish. Places such as inlets or canals should be avoideded, as they have strong currents, that will require heavy weights, etc. The areas around boat docks, slips, or bridges are all good choices.

When you arrive at the spot you've chosen, take a look at the water, and if you have picked a winner, you should see occasional baitfish jumping out of the water. This means the snappers are chomping away on these little fellows, and you should be hauling them in very soon. Don't be discouraged if you don't see anything though. Snappers travel in schools, following the bait, and if the spot looks promising, you should have action in a short while.

I have always found that the best way to catch snappers is to use bait. My personal favorite is frozen spearing. These can be purchased at almost any local tackle shop in the area you are going to fish, and for a dollar or two, you can get enough of them to last all day. Small strips of squid are a good choice too, as are small killies or a strip cut from a fresh-caught snapper.

As for hooks, I would recommend the long shanked type that are used for flounder fishing. This is because, I I have stated, the little blues are every bit as nuts as their larger brothers and sisters, and they will try to bite you when you go to unhook them. The long shank makes it a lot easier to do this safely.

The best way to keep the interest of a first time fisherman, is to use a bobber, or float. Many light hits would go unnoticed by a young angler, but the float will telegraph the slightest little nibbles, and can be seen from a distance. If the youngster has wandered away from the rod, each dip of the bobber will bring him or her back in a hurry.

Now, let's get this show on the road. Place a small split shot about six inches above the hook. This keeps the bait hanging straight in the water. Next, clip the float onto the line about 18 inches or so above the hook. Finally, break a spearing in half and put one of the pieces on the hook. Thread the bait on the hook; this will give it a bent look, and it won't come off the hook as fast.

Get all the rods rigged up and baited, and cast them out into the water. You don't have to set any distance records; just get it out far enough so the bait is drifting off the bottom. If, as the fishing progresses, you find that the fish can be caught close to shore, you might want to let the kids do some of the casting. But if they are just starting out, or very young, you had better plan on doing most of the casting yourself.

Here I would like to insert a tip on how to put the bait on the hook. I have found that when fishing for smaller fish, the best results are achieved when the entire bend of the hook is left exposed. With larger quarry, the hook can be embedded into the bait, or even totally hidden in it, and the added weight of the larger fish combined with the longer run they make after taking the bait will allow the point of the hook to penetrate the fish's mouth. It seems with the smaller fish, more of the nibblers can be caught if the hook point is left outside the bait.

If your band of budding anglers contains some older kids, or a few of them show a natural ability with a rod and reel, there is a good snapper lure called a Snatcher, sold in most tackle shops that can add to the interest and development of a young snapper fisherman. All it is, is a piece of dowel a few inches long, with a leader of some 12 or 14 inches trailing behind it. The dowel provides weight for casting, and also acts as a surface plug, as it is retrieved. On the end of the leader, is a small hook which is baited just like the other ones. This arrangement is preferable to using artificials for the beginning angler, since it has a bit more weight than the smaller lures that are required to catch these smaller fish. The smaller lures also seem to rise to the top when they are retrieved, if there is any type of current movement at all. A small split shot can be added to the leader, to keep the bait a little lower in the water.

Young bluefish have one more thing going for them: they are excellent table fare. If a youngster has caught his first fish ever, one very good argument to avoid having it mounted, is to paint a verbal picture of how good it is going to taste after he gets it home and what a sharp little fellow he is for putting food on the table at such an early age.

Another lesson that can't be learned too early is conservation. Since most of the fish that will be caught are going to be small (under 12 inches) it's a good idea to set up a size limit right at the beginning. A fish that is under 9 inches isn't much good for eating; so take an old ruler, wrap a piece of tape around the 9 or 10 inch mark, and be sure it's understood that you won't be keeping any fish unless it is longer than the set limit.

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LIGHTEN UP FOR BLUES

by Phil Hammond

Can a bluefish take the place of a striped bass? Pose that question to most saltwater fishermen and you'd come up with an emphatic "Hell, no!"

But, hold on. The continuing decline of striper populations along the East Coast for whatever reasons—polluted spawning grounds, overfishing or an as yet unexplained natural cycle of abundance and scarcity, coupled with legislation which may curtail or eliminate catches entirely, means just one thing: striped bass are probably going to be hard to come by in 1984. And there's no quick bail out in sight, either.

The National Coalition for Marine Conservation reports that 1983 was the second worst year on record for striped bass spawning success in Chesapeake Bay, an area which is responsible for about 90 percent of the East Coast striper population.

This brings us back to bluefish, long considered somewhat of a nuisance by the average striper addict. However, if there are few or no stripers and you still want to fish for something scrappier than a flounder or a cod, bluefish are your best bet.

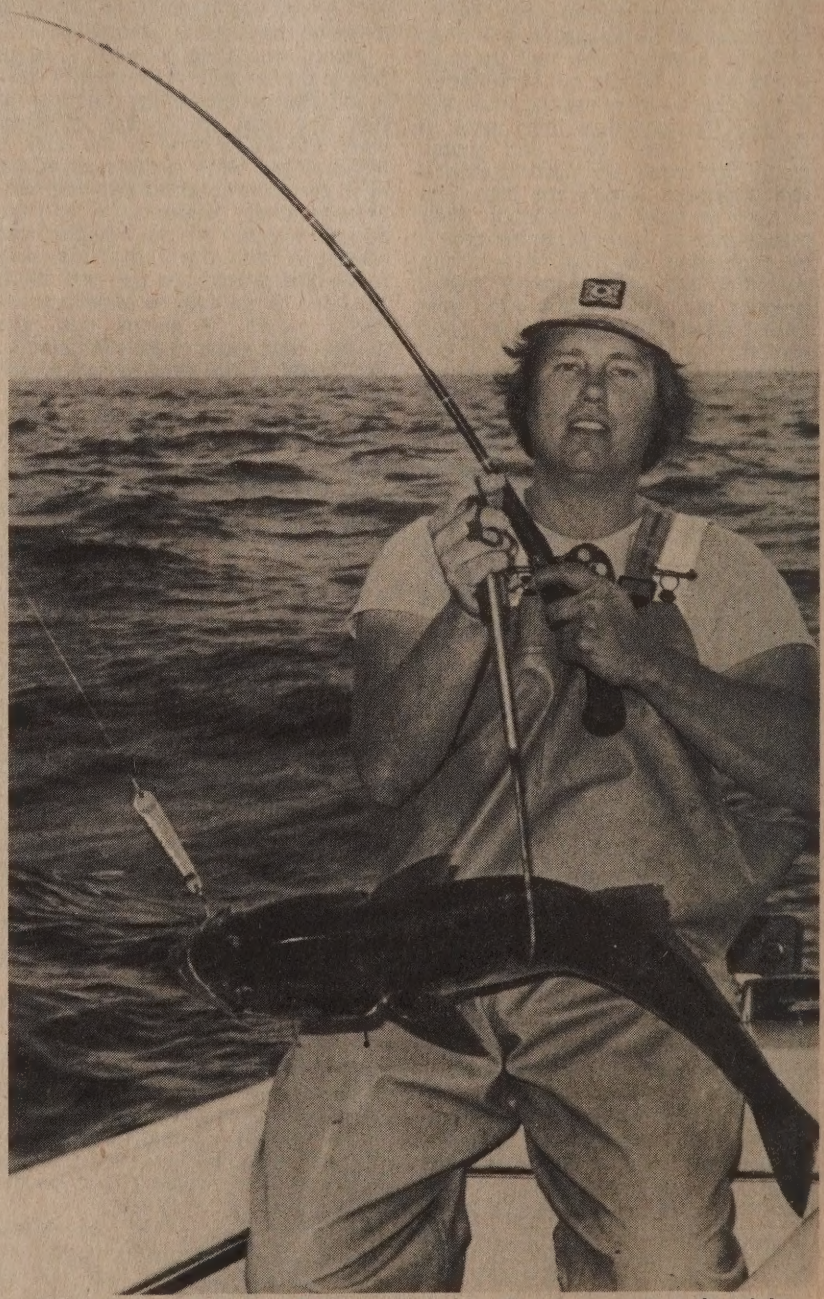
Of course, pure meat fishermen are out of this picture because there's no comparable market for blues as there is for bass. And while we are at it, we might as well promote conservation of bluefish stocks since we all should know by now that the ocean's bounty is far from limitless.

So, if it's going to be bluefish, let's have some fun with them. Let's go light tackle. Or, perhaps I should say "lighter tackle." Possibly one reason we've tended to belittle blues, other than the fact they've often gotten in the way of our quest for the lucrative striper, is that we frequently catch them on tackle designed to handle 50 pound bass, and that's a little bit like shooting bunnies with a 30-30.

Last summer, with the almost total absence of stripers along long Island's South Shore, I turned to light tackle fishing for blues and believe me, I had a few classic battles with the choppers, topped off by a 16 pounder taken on a freshwater baitcasting rig loaded with 8 pound test line.

If you are into freshwater fishing you already have gear that will serve just fine for blues. On the other hand, if your equipment is designed for stripers, here's what I would suggest in the way of lighter tackle suitable for blues:

Spinning—no more than a 7 foot rod in glass, graphite or one of the graphite composites. Shorter rods down to five footers and the intermediate sizes in-between will also work, but keep in mind that the lighter rods require a defter touch and take correspondingly longer to land a fish. Remember, I'm not trying to make stunt fishermen out of anyone where you spend four hours battling a fish on two pound line. Below six pound test and you're getting into ultra-light areas which is a whole new ballgame and a lot of fun to boot. But



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for the average fisherman, just lightening up on his present gear will provide a lot more sport on the fish we're apt to have available.

Whippier or soft action rods give a better cushioning effect and thus are more forgiving with lighter lines. However, stiffer action rods can handle slightly heavier lures, a definite plus if you're trying to power your plug through brisk winds, and are definitely better when it comes to working a popping plug. Usually you'll find that graphite rods will give you the best compromise between power and the ability to also handle lighter lines and lures. If the cost of a graphite is a problem, there are plenty of rods in fiberglass that will still serve the purpose quite nicely.

Whatever your rod length you will want a reel that balances well with it, and it's here that you won't want to cut corners. Cheap gears and drags just won't stand up to blues. Equally important, fast retrieve reels in the 5:1 class are a decided advantage since blues frequently prefer a fast moving lure. As it is, with smaller reels you're going to have to crank your arm into a corkscrew anyway, so you might as well give yourself an edge with the fast retrieve models.

Bait casting—this fishing technique, thanks in great part to the sophisticated magnetic reels now on the market, is making somewhat of a comeback after having been pretty much supplanted in this area, anyway, by spinning gear. Anyone who is into bass fishing with bait casting gear can turn that right to bluefishing. The typical 5½ foot bait casting rod, preferably in graphite or a graphite composition, with any star drag equipped reel, might just be the ultimate rig for light tackle blues. Those fishermen who have tangled with a five pound largemouth bass will find a comparably sized blue more than a match for the bass in fighting qualities. And, if you get into double-digit blues, you'd better tape your socks on because that will make bass fishing (freshwater, that is) seem tame by comparison.

If you're in the market for a bait casting rod suitable for blues, I'd recommend a a 5½ footer with a stiff action such as might be used for jig and pig or worm fishing in sweetwater. Match that with any of the many casting reels now available, fill it with 8 or 10 pound test line and you're ready.

Fly rod—obviously, fly rodding for blues requires some prior experience with this method of fishing. You can take most people out and teach them the necessities of spinning in half an hour. But for fly rodding you'd better be familiar with the equipment and techniques.

However, anyone who has fished for trout with a fly rod can, with a little adaptation in equipment and technique, go after blues with no problem other than controlling his blood pressure when he gets that first 10 pounder hooked up. That 8-weight fly rod, 8½ or 9 feet long with a weight forward line, a reel with a drag and plenty of 20 pound dacron backing will, in the hands of the average fly rodder, handle just about any blue swimming, especially if you are fishing from a boat, which is the most practical by far for nailing a blue on a fly rod.

Many fly fishermen use 6 to 8 feet of 40 pound mono leader, a 12 to 18 inch 10 pound tippet and finish off with a 6 inch length of 20 pound Sevenstrand nylon-coated wire.

Streamers seem to work best, particularly when blues are feeding on sand eels. A few strips of mylar tied on a 1/0 or 2/0 hook will work wonders and save the price of expensive streamers which blues ultimately do a number on.

Sometimes, when the blues are reluctant to hit the streamer, it helps to have your fishing buddy tease the fish up with a hookless popping plug. As he works the plug back to the boat, try following it with your streamer. Often the blues, properly teased by the popper, will jump all over the streamer.

When it comes to fishing high surf in rough weather, light tackle is pretty much out. But, there are numerous occasions when that 7 foot spinning stick is more than adequate. Bait casters might want to try a longer rod than their customary 5½ footers. My personal choice in this situation would be Shimano's 6½ foot Karate Stick which will handle lures in the 1/4 to 1-1/8 ounce class and has a straight rather than offset handle, thus allowing you to get off a modified two-handed cast. This particular rod may no longer be available under the Karate Stick name, but is available in Shimano's Magnumlite series.

Now that we are setup with lighter tackle, we can turn to the subject of lures. Fortunately, most of the truly effective lures for blues are made in a variety of weights, one of which will be suitable for your outfit. Lures such as Atoms, Gibbs, Kastmasters, Hopkins, Rebels, Rapalas, Cordells, etc., all familiar names to bass and blue addicts, are readily available in tackle shops, although you might on occasion have to peruse the freshwater section to find the proper weight. Just remember to take a few extras because light lines are less forgiving and until you develop the necessary lighter touch, you may lose a little gear.

One final note: don't forget a 6 to 12 inch black wire leader. Those of you who haven't fished blues before should be warned that these fish have impressive teeth which can not only slice through mono with the greatest of ease, but can also inflict nasty wounds on careless anglers.

In closing, I predict that many of you who love to fish for fishing's sake will become light tackle addicts if you'll just give it a try. There's no question this kind of fishing can go a long way toward filling the void that's sure to exist around the striper scene.

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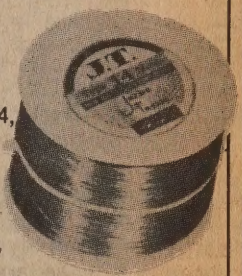

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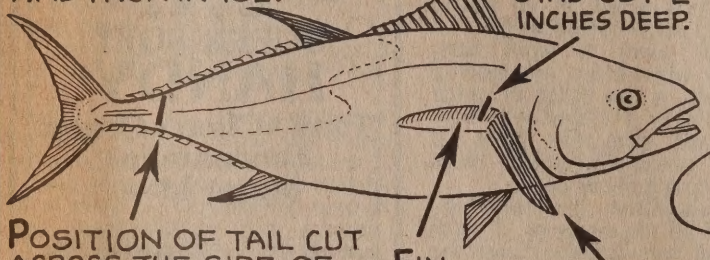

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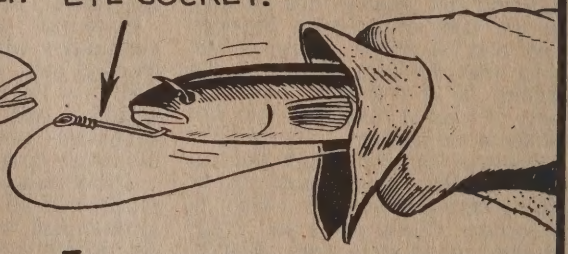

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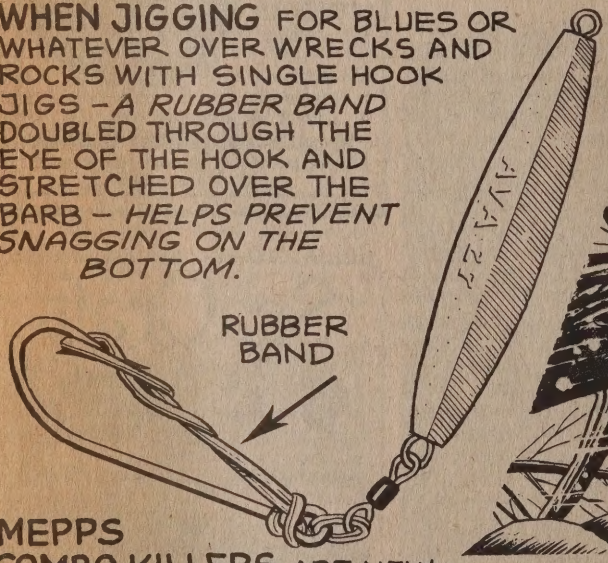

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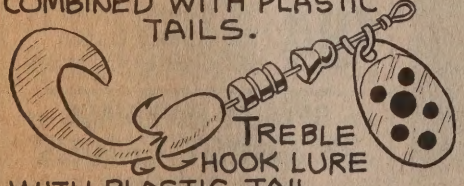

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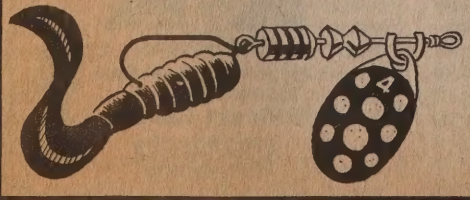

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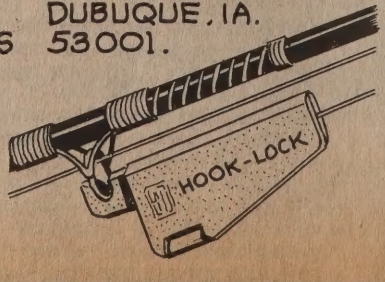

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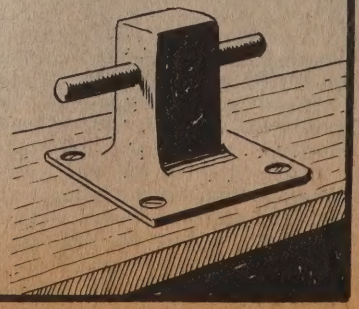

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Bottom fishing continues to be red hot, with humpback porgies, fluke and the first showing of weakfish on the East End making a trip more than worthwhile. Weekend winds cancelled some offshore fishing; however, those who ventured out to brave "untidy" seas were rewarded with mako, thresher and tiger sharks. The first giant tuna were brought into Montauk this past week. A potential world record thresher shark won the MCA Shark Tournament.

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Captain Richie Rade says that fluking is very good on the **Marlin IV** in the rips of the Lighthouse with anywhere from 4 to 10 keepers per man. On Wednesday, it was exceptionally good with eight fish in the 6 to 8 lb. range. Harry and Steve each had fluke over 7 lbs. with Steve putting 15 keepers in his bucket. Bluefishing remains steady at night.

Henry **Uihlein** claims that fluking remains very good at Gin Beach with porgy fishing holding up. Randy Etheredge of New York City and his fishing partner John caught 40 keepers on windy Saturday and 25 fluke fishing only half day on Sunday using a squid/sand eel combo bait, on a rental boat.

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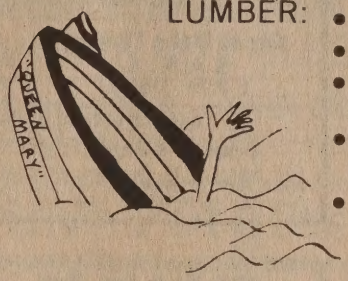

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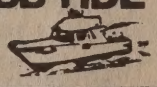

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Captain Paul Forsberg experienced very good cod fishing at Coxes Ledge this week: Eddie Mayhl, Otto Stanton and Russell Burnette of Jersey City accounted for 38 fish, five of which were over 30 lbs. The most recent George's Banks trip on the **Starship** was the best of the year despite heavy fog. Thomas Kelly of E. Rockaway won the $1,100 pool with a 57 lb. cod. Larger cod were caught, but were not in the pool. Fluking is tremendous at Culloden Point, Gin Beach and in the Rips. **Viking Fleet** will start its Noman's Land porgy trips Thursday. Call for details.

Both the **Flying Cloud** and **Little Bear** want you to know that porgies are here now! In fact the boats are returning to dock early because everyone has had enough fish!

The MCA Shark Tournament held at **Captain's Cove Marina** was shortened to one day's fishing on Sunday because of bad weather on Saturday. Most of the entered boats fished out of the wind at Gin Beach on Saturday and caught fluke despiste a fast drift. Captain Fred Laier, Craig Bergen, Andy Buglione, "Shorty" and I caught over a dozen keepers in two hours on the **Eagle**, despite the wind and having to avoid two draggers who were working very close to shore among the fleet of charter and private boats.

A potential world record thresher shark won the MCA Tournament—a 446¾ lb. fish caught after a four hour battle by Lynnette Pintauro of NYC on Captain Frank Braddock's charter boat, Hurry-UP. The fish will be submitted for a Ladies IGFA record on 50 lb. test line.

The second place fish—a 339 lb. mako was caught on the **King Wayne**, while the third place—a mako of 272 lbs. was taken on the Sunrise

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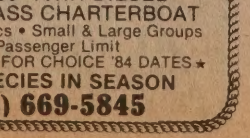

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ALL THE NEWS OF FISH IN PRINT

Adam Waxman whipped this 342 lb. thresher shark while fishing aboard the charter boat "Ken Glo" 30 miles south of Montauk. Photo courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.

captained by William Gross. A 768 lb. tiger shark, the largest shark brought into Montauk in 3½ years came in too late to make the 6PM deadline. Chris Nolte used a 50 International and Pacific Stick to subdue the monster, caught on Charlie Totta's 24 ft. Seacraft. Approximately 85 boats were entered in the tournament with many small makos taken, including several on the **Rainbow II** and also on the **My Mate.** A noteworthy catch of one dozen yellowfin tuna weighing to 43½ lbs. was brought into **Captains Cove Marina**, caught on the Reel Magic on Sunday.

A 300 lb. bluefin tuna, caught on the Masterpiece was brought into the **Star Island Yacht Club** along with assorted little sharks. The winner of the Start Island Shark Tournament, a 97 lb. mako, was taken on the September Sun.

A 548 lb. giant tuna was caught by Ed Schroder on the Jo Lin, according to Maureen Sennefelder at **Gone Fishing Marina.** Maureen suggests fluking at both Gin Beach and Shagwong and further reports that humpback porgies are in solid.

Many giant tuna were brought into the **Montauk Marine Basin**, including two, the largest 589 lbs., caught on the **Tuna Tangler** by Capt. Paul Stern; a 350 lb. tuna taken on July 4th by Peter Fishing on Boats, Inc., a 550 lb. giant by Michael Potts and a 641 lber. on the Breakaway by Richard Edsel and Shawn Driscol of Huntington, N.Y. The Island Raider, fishing the Canyon had a pair of 150 lb. bigeyes. Ed Borg boated a 510 lb tuna on the Merlin. Inshore, the **Kellyboat** caught 50 fluke weighing to 8 lbs. 1 oz. for a charter headed by Sam Broth of the Bronx.

Captain Greg Beacher once again brought in the first giant tuna of the season on the charter boat **Dawn**. The first fish, caught on Tuesday, was 462 lbs. Captain Beacher continued with a 567 lb. tuna on Wednesday and a 502 lb. fish on Thursday.

Edelman's Lou Rosado and Nick Matkiw fished East Shagwong and the outer buoy for only two hours on Friday for 30 nice fluke with two over 8 lbs.

Due to windy conditions, Captain Mallinson fished inshore on the **Joy Sea**. A half day charter on Thursday produced 62 fluke for Bob Callicutt, top weight 5 lbs., while Friday's catch was 47 fluke to 4 lbs. with George Sayer. Joe Bisbano caught 2 makos during Sunday's MCA shark tournament.

A four man charter led by Mario Mendez of Yonkers on the **Julie III** caught 739 porgies, top weight 3½ lbs., along with 5 sea bass at Great Eastern on Sunday.

Captain Steve Mauss can now be reached after 7PM on the **Kraken II**, 516-668-4492, to arrange charters for fluke or porgies.

Captain Jim Flowers headed due south of the point, fished in 230 feet of water with the Ed Oliver party on the **Mary A**, on the Fourth of July where a 207 lb. mako was brought to gaff.

Captain John DeMaio reports that the weakfish are in and despite poor weather, has managed to catch as many as 25 weaks to 8 lbs. for half day charters on the **Vivienne.**

On the **Adios**, Capt. Phil Lewis said that Canyon fishing has been good

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Captain Bill Ricca fished Gin Beach, buoy 5 and Shagwong with Bill and Charles Pellicano on the **Alyssa Ann** on Saturday. Baits of squid with spearing and strip baits; sea robin and fluke bellies produced 38 fluke to 4½ lbs.

SOUTH FORK

Porgies were very good at Cedar Point before the weekend blow-out according to Pete at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in Sag Harbor with good bluefishing at Jessups and a better ratio of keepers among the fluke at the Ruins at Gardiner's. Call Pete for information on the $100,000 Bluefish Tournament which will be held on July 21st and 22nd, for the tagged bluefish that will be released in Gardiner's Bay.

The **Wilhelric** fished fluke at Gardiner's Island where the tempo picked up on Sunday. Some fishermen had a dozen keepers, with the pool fish in the 3-4 lb. range. Capt Artie Lach wants to remind you that he will be fluking every Sunday and also making a night trip for weaks and blues on Saturday evening. On the porgy scene, despite bad weather on Saturday, the **Wilhelric** had it's first real banner day, with most fishermen catching 50 porgies per man. Mike Stowolitz of Dix Hills was high hook with 67 porgies up to 2 lbs. fishing in local waters. Looks like it's "porgy time!"

Although the weekend was mostly a washout, Thom Speckenback talked about really good fluke at Gardiner's Island off the ruins in 12-15 feet of water which were brought into **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Porgies are finally good at Gardiner's, with Eastern Plains Point a hotspot. Blues are in all channels and bays. Although flounder are slowing in the Basket, an occasional fish can be found while fluking.

Pete says that fluke to 4 pounds caught on rentals from **Corr's Fishing Station** is now the norm. The fluke are feeding on the vast schools of spearing in the bay and are very aggressive. Blues are very close to shore, just outside the Fishing Station.

Fluke action in Shinnecock Bay is getting better and better according to Capt Ken Malone of the **Jenny Rose**. A new body of fish seems to have moved in and the keeper ratio has improved dramatically. There are 5-6 keepers per person with every fish in the 2-3 pound range. A reminder that all tickets are sold for Saturday, July 14th. The wreck trip has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 15th.

Although bad winds this past week

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	8:05	8:25	9:00	9:20	8:45	9:00	9:45	9:55	—	12:15	11:40	11:50	7:55	8:15	7/12
FRI.	8:50	9:05	9:45	10:00	9:35	9:45	10:30	10:35	12:25	12:55	—	12:25	8:45	9:00	7/13
SAT.	9:30	9:45	10:25	10:40	10:20	10:30	11:10	11:20	1:05	1:35	12:35	1:05	9:25	9:40	7/14
SUN.	10:15	10:25	11:05	11:20	11:05	11:10	11:55	12:00	1:40	2:10	1:15	1:45	10:10	10:25	7/15
MON.	10:55	11:10	11:45	12:00	11:50	11:55	—	12:35	2:15	2:45	1:55	2:25	10:50	11:10	7/16
TUES.	11:35	11:50	—	12:25	—	12:35	12:45	1:20	2:40	3:10	2:35	3:05	11:35	11:50	7/17
WED.	—	12:20	12:40	1:05	12:35	1:15	1:30	2:10	3:10	3:35	3:20	3:45	—	12:20	7/18
THURS.	12:30	1:05	1:20	1:50	1:15	1:55	2:15	3:00	3:50	4:15	4:00	4:30	12:35	1:10	7/19

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STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
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SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
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East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
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Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
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Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
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Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
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Lloyd Point	+0 08
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Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
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Stamford	+0 04
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Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
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Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
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Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
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Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/12	5:35	8:37
FRI. 7/13	5:36	8:36
SAT. 7/14	5:36	8:35
SUN. 7/15	5:37	8:34
MON. 7/16	5:37	8:33
TUE. 7/17	5:38	8:32
WED. 7/18	5:39	8:31

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/12	8:38PM	4:45AM
FRI. 7/13	9:22PM	5:44AM
SAT. 7/14	9:58PM	6:47AM
SUN. 7/15	10:29PM	7:50AM
MON. 7/16	10:55PM	8:52AM
TUE. 7/17	11:18PM	9:50AM
WED. 7/18	11:39PM	10:52AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
6/29	7/5	7/13	7/21

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	4:55	11:10	5:20	11:35
Fri.	5:50	11:55	6:10	—
Sat.	6:40	12:25	7:05	12:55
Sun.	7:30	1:20	8:00	1:45
Mon.	8:25	2:15	8:50	2:35
Tues.	9:10	3:00	9:35	3:20
Wed.	9:35	3:45	10:20	4:05
Thurs.	10:40	4:30	11:05	4:50

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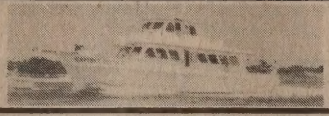

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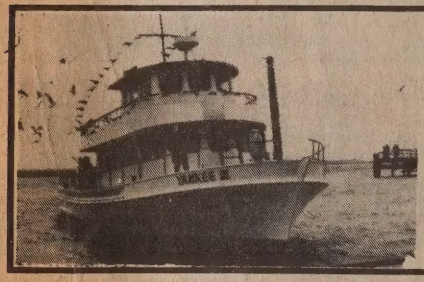

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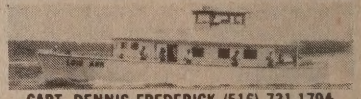

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has inhibited fishing, a weakfish of 10 and ¾ lbs. was brought into **Noyac Marina**. Barbara reports that blues are all over, and on top at Jessups.

South Shore REPORT

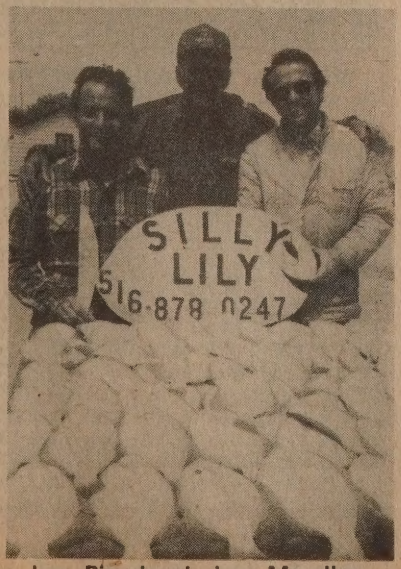
with Fred Golofaro

Weather continued to play havoc with the plans of many anglers. Strong southerly winds, heavy rains and Sunday's switch to a stiff northwest breeze kept offshore activity to a minimum with no reports coming from the canyons since mid-week. On the bright side, bluefish seem to have settled into the Patchogue Grounds providing anglers with excellent fishing whenever the weather permitted. It looks as if these fish may be here for the summer.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Plenty of fluke still the rule here but shorts continue to dominate catches. Keeper ratio ranges anywhere from 1 out of 3 to 1 out of 6 according to reports.

Capt. Ron Schlueter of the **Moriches** open boat **Alma** said that individual catches range anywhere from 3-12 keepers. Some anglers take as many as 30 to 40 shorts along with the keepers. Best fluking has been on



Lou Piergiongi, Lou Macolino and Steve Biegelsen with a nice mess of Moriches Bay flatties taken during a trip out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

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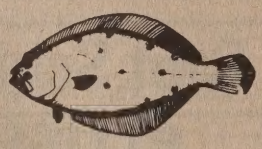

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the last of the incoming and the first of the outgoing around the Elbow and inlet area. Rosey Fedorco had a 4¼ pound fluke to take the pool on one of the boat's weekday trips. The boat's evening trips have been producing some decent results on the summer flatties as well. Flounder continue to provide good action although there are a fair amount of small fish mixed in. Ron has been mixing up his fluking and floundering according to the tide.

Prior to all the rain and wind catches per boat ranged between 15 and 20 according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Most of the fluke are being taken between buoys 35 to 42 with a few nicer fish being taken in the Elbow. On Tuesday, Bill Sztorc took 25 keepers up to 3 pounds. Best action has been on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb with sandeels, spearing, killies and squid all taking the fish. Still plenty of flounder in the deeper parts of the bay. Try south of buoys 33 thru 36. A few bigger flatties are still mixed in. Largest of the weekend was 2½ pounds. Lots of small blues still roaming the bay and some nice sized blue claws being taken in the early morning right out in front of the station.

Over at **Hi Way Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Al Lassen said that customers have been keeping busy with plenty of fluke action. Many of the fish are shorts but the good numbers are keeping everyone busy and decent catches of keepers are the rule by the end of the day. Al suggested the Elbow for some better sized fluke. Flounder still in good supply south of buoys 30, 35 and 36. These are mixed fish with about a 50/50 throwback ratio.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From his **Patchogue** shop, Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** told of putting a 9.1 pound weak on the scale for Frank Krieger on Sunday. Frank took the tiderunner while fluking near the R.M. Bridge. Lots of fluke spread around the bay according to Paul but the majority are still shorts. Quite a few snappers showing up from Patchogue and Blue Point docks along with a very occasional fluke. Crabbing has been pretty good with traps and baited lines both accounting for the blue claws. Barry Bernstein and John Wildman checked in with 12 big blues and a story about the one that got away on the 4th of July. Seems a big mako interupted their bluefishing and kept the pair occupied for more than 45 minutes on 20 lb. tackle before departing the scene. Barry and John were 12 miles south of the inlet at the time. On Wednesday, one of the season's more impressive large mouth bass was taken in Yaphank Lake. George Rose landed the 7.4 pounder, brought it to J & J in a live

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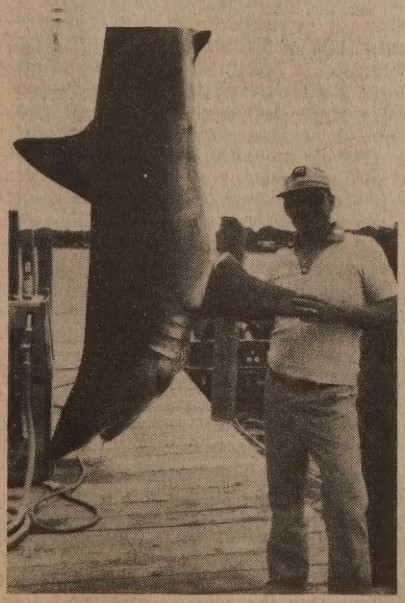

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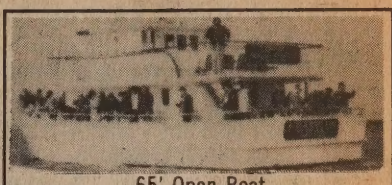

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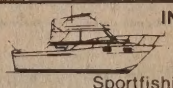

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well, put the fish on the scale and later released the fish alive in the lake. Tip of the hat to George.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban said that he teamed with friends Howie and Marty aboard the And How and put away 30 keeper fluke on Sunday. Al said that there are plenty of fluke in the State Channel with a high percentage of shorts while in Snake Hill or West Channel the ratio is improved with 1 out of 4 or 5 fish being a keeper. A few weakfish are being taken near the lighthouse by boatmen working bucktail and jellyworm combos. A recorder is needed to get on top of the fish. Blowfish, porgies and a few sea bass providing a mixed bag at Ocean Beach while some larger sea bass along with small porgies have been keeping boatmen busy on the Fire Island ocean reef. The first showing of summer run weaks took place this week down off of Sayville. Al spoke of one catch of a dozen weaks in the 2-4 pound range made down at buoy 30. On the freshwater scene, both Bubbles and Rattlesnake Creek continue to produce some decent trout, most of them rainbows in the 10-14" range.

In **East Islip**, Mike Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** reiterated good numbers of fluke but lots of shorts. Small blues are in and out of the inlet on 007's and Umbrella rigs. A large body of slightly larger blues was located a mile outside of the inlet on Sunday. Mike asked that we again remind customers that they have a good supply of live eels in stock.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** weighed a 9 pound weak for Steve "Fish" Hecht of Kings Park on Sunday. Fish took the weak while drifting for fluke near the R.M. Bridge. He and his dad managed a total of 6 keepers on sandeel and squid combos. Carl relayed word that one private boatman had 3 weaks on a spaghetti jig on Sunday. These were 7-8 pound fish and taken near the lighthouse. Best fluke catch checked by Carl on the weekend was one of 11 made in Snake Hill Channel. Short fluke totally dominated the action down at the inlet. On sharker told of being clobbered by 10-16 pound blues this week working 120' depths SE of the inlet. Back to Tuesday, Carl told about the private boat Harry E which had to release a 12 foot long Great White because they had no room nor the towing capabilities to get the fish back to the dock. The Harry E is a 21 footer. No word on any canyon action due to the weather.

The big news at Captree concerns bluefish which have provided very good action whenever weather permitted getting off to the Patchogue Grounds. The fish are being taken both day and night with a decent showing of the big fish on Sunday.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** called Sunday's fishing in the northeast corner of the Patchogue Grounds super. Most of the fish range between 5 and 10 pounds with a few real slammers mixing in. Three

members of the Escabar family accounted for over 100 choppers on Sunday's day trip. Their largest was a 15 pounder while pool fish for the day tipped the scale at 17 pounds. Speedy noted that there is abundance of anchovies, sandeels and squid all of which should help hold the fish in the area.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** labelled Saturday's fluking a washout but was pleasantly surprised with Sunday results despite strong NW winds. Charlie has been working the inlet area as well as back in the bay. Ratio of keepers to shorts varies greatly depending on the area. One out of four in some places while the ratio of shorts in some areas has been as high as 12 or 15 to 1 keeper. Charlie was optimistic about this week's fishing due to the good tide conditions. Best fishing has been on incoming and the first of the ebb. Of the bluefishing, Charlie said that wind and heavy rains have kept down the bluefish trips but the fishing has been very good on the Patchogue Grounds. Many of the fish are 4-5 pounders with some 10-12 pound choppers being taken. Charlie also relayed word that private boats were working over acres of blues in the 2-7 pound range between 1 and 3 miles south of the inlet on Sunday. The fish were being trolled and jigged.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captree** based **Capt. Leitch IV** reported a good day fluking on Sunday despite poor drift conditions. He too expressed the thought that some areas tend to provide a better ratio of keepers than others. He also felt the last of the flood and the first of the Ebb were the keys to the best action.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Richie** called Sunday a decent day with some nicer sized fluke mixing in with a good number of shorts. Richie has been working from the inlet as far east as Ocean Beach and also finding his best action on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb. Sunday's pool fish was a 4½ pound fluke. Saturday saw a 5 pound weakfish taken by a customer and a few sea bass are mixing in with the fluke.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** labeled the night bluefishing as excellent with high hooks taking 25-30 blues or more. On Sunday's day trip, fishing was super on the Patchogue Grounds with many 3-8 pound blues along with a few 10-12 pounders mixed in. Lots of fish now seem to be in the area according to the skipper.

Aboard the **Captree Queen II** Capt. Gordon Roman said that fluking ranges from fair to good with the size of the fish continuing to improve. Plenty of shorts are being taken but there are enough keepers around to keep everyone happy. Bluefishing has been very good with plenty of 5-8 pound choppers being taken SE of the inlet and the Patchogue Grounds.

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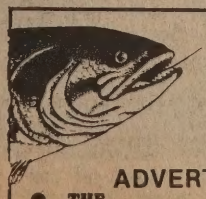
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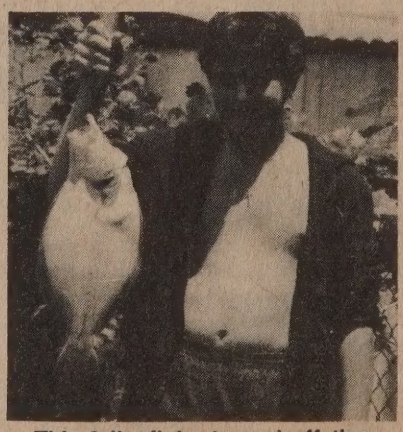


This 3 lb. fluke topped off the day's catch for Marc Pagnozzi during a recent trip aboard the Seaford open boat, "Chinco III."

charter boat **Afterglo** called to report a good day with big blues and 1 small dusky earlier in the week. John fished in 125' of water SE of the inlet.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon,** Fred Austin spoke of Rich and Dottie Berger who checked in a 9½ pound weakfish. Also some decent weaks being taken in the Sore Thumb pocket on sandworms. Fluke ratio seems to have improve with good reports coming in via the marine radio on Monday morning.

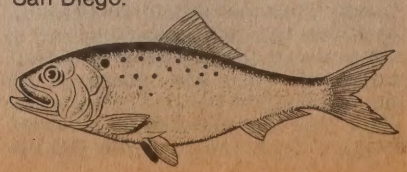
The open boat **Miss Babylon** will be making night bluefish runs. See their ad for more details.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** weighed a 10.2 pound weak for Lane Ellis on Saturday. It was taken on a sandeel meant for a fluke. Lane was fishing the shore in the State Channel when he took the fish. Also on Saturday, Mike looked over a catch of 15 nice fluke taken near Hemlock Cove by Bernie and Bill Kurdt. On Sunday, Tony Mulhall paired a 1½ pound largemouth bass with 3 dozen yellow perch taken at a local creek.

Speaking from **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo said that the north shore worm troll rig mentioned here last week fished in conjunction with a sandworm continues to take weaks from the Sore Thumb Pocket. The rigs should be fished just above the bottom reminded Ralph. Mario Molatto and his brother Rudy worked on the weaks again this week and put away 10 fish in the 9-11 pound range. Ralph put an 8 pound blackfish on the scale for Bob Lamantia. Bob took the tautog while fluking near the R.M. Bridge. Small snappers being taken from local docks along with a decent showing of crabs. One youngster had 9 blue claws on Sunday.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale said that there are still plenty of fluke around along with many shorts. He too mentioned weakfish at the inlet and added that a few small stripers are mixed with them. Small blues are in and out of the area with a 3 pounder being taken as far back in the bay as Tanner Park. The only offshore news concerned a 300 plus pound mako taken by Tom Wiswall and Ken Schmieder aboard the private boat Lady Marion II.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank told of weighing a 4.14 pound fluke for Lucie Mouton at the R.M. Bridge on Thursday. Fluking has been good at the State Channel although the ratio of shorts to keepers has been hovering around 10:1. Sharks still available in 150' of water SE of the inlet whenever the weather allows. Big blues are on the Patchogue Grounds as well as over the San Diego.



West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

The sun is shining and there is no wind blowing as we do the fishing reports this week, but such was not the case for a good part of this past week, with the result that catches ranged from poor to very good, depending on weather and sea conditions. Offshore bluefishing has run from picky to very good, inside fluking has seen continued loads of short fish but also a fair number of keepers. Flounder continue to be caught in the deeper holes while blackfish are on the wane.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Starting with the Seaford area, **Capt. Eddy's Fishing Station** told of lots of fluke of various sizes being caught at Squaw Island. There has generally been a 50 percent keeper ratio on the station's skiffs. Highlight of the week was one skiff coming back with 36 keepers. This was early in the week. Bay blues at the Wantagh bridges on tins and also on fluke rigs and also a few sea bass in the same areas. Great Island Channel has been productive also. Fish are hitting killies and spearing on both tides. BCCs have also started to show.

A call from the open boat **Chinco III** told of hot and cold fluking through the week with Tuesday being the best. Many fares caught keepers into the teens (numbers, not pounds). Wednesday was slower due to the holiday boat traffic while Thursday had more quality fish. A 5 lb. 6 oz. fluke took the pool that day and there were many close contenders. Friday and Saturday's catches were poor with the high winds, but on Sunday things picked up. Working the state channel, Captain Brian found very few throwbacks and larger keepers. Killie/belly combos were the hot bait.

The word out of **Pop's Fishing Station** was of good fishing, weather permitting. The rentals averaged roughly 50 fish per boat with a 10 percent keeper ratio. Ed Trabi, Harry and Tom scored with 26 keeper fluke Sunday working 4 Corners. These fish ran 2 to 3 lbs. on killy squid combos. The keepers are getting larger now and there are still lots of short fish. Bay blues are being picked all day long in the 1 to 2 lb. class near the bridges with the east side of bridges being best.

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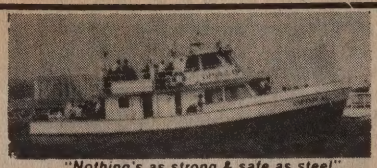

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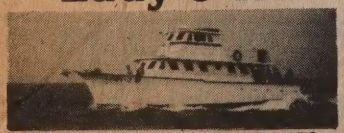

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throwbacks at Massapequa Cove and Squaw Island. One customer came in with 14 good fluke for a day's effort. Marie said there is roughly a 10 percent keeper ratio with killy and squid working best. Flounder still being caught in the deeper holes at the Bridges and Massapequa Cove.

From Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station in** Merrick also came the tale of lots of fluke Sunday with some keepers and lots of throwbacks, mainly at Merrick Point and the golf course. This was where Manny Finer did a job on 33 keepers out of over 100 fluke caught. One fish went to 6 lbs. on one of the station's rentals working Merrick Point and the golf course wiht killies.

As for the Freeport action we learned that bluefishing Tuesday night aboard the **Starstream II** was very good on bait, with fish 5 to 10 lbs. Saturday night was a repeat of that while Sunday's day trip fished two hours due south of Jones. Diamond jigs accounted for a good pick that lasted all day on 5 to 10 lb. choppers.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told of continued good to fair fluking through Sunday in local creeks and channels. Spearing and squid worked best. Poo fish of the week in the 3 to 4 lb. category went to Rich Ebel, Ed Goodwin, Bill Johnson, Bill the Bronx Bomber and Nelson Grajales. High hook of the week was a total of 22 fish which included both short and keeper fluke up to 4 lbs., for Vin Lorello. Benny Fleisher had a total of 18 combined keeper and undersized fish while Greg Kalescky had a total of 15 keepers and midgets. John Derringer, Ray Hardy, Loraine Jones, all of Laurel Electronics had a good day late in the week, capturing a 4 lb. pool fish.

Word from the **Capt. Al** was of Wednesday's catch of roughly 1,000 bluefish, 2 to 4 miles from Jones Inlet from 1 to 6 lbs. Another day during the week, 10 to 15 lbers. were beat on at Cholera. Al said there are lots of sand eels in the water, a welcome sign for fish soon to settle down. On Sunday the boat fished the Mud Hole for 5 to 10 lbers. on diamond jigs. As soon as the weather settles itself down a bit, the bluefishing should be super.

We learn from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** that his boats had decent fluking this week. The full day boat saw high hooks ranging from the low to high teens on keepers with plenty of midgets. On Sunday's trip, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Piecyc of Maspeth totalled 31 keeper fluke. High hook for one fare was 19 keepers. The 4:30PM flounder trips continue to catch well when the boat has been sailing. On Sunday regular Young Kim bailed 26 nice flounder while Bill Schneider of Huntington had 32. The half day boat has also been catching good fluke with plenty of throwbacks, though AM trips have been better with the incoming tide. Keeper high hooks have been in the 8 or 9 range.

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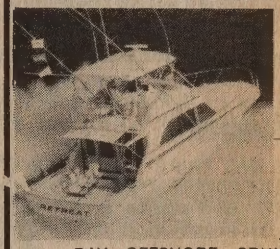
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Word from the charter boat **Capt. Gary** is of Saturday's trip for St. Ann's Church, Bellmore with a good catch of fluke plus a zillion throwbacks, despite the rain, working Reynolds and Long Creek. Sunday's trip for Happy Hookers Fishing Club fished the same area. The pool went to Mr. Fuzzy with a 4¾ lb. fluke. The high hook honors went to M. Kevin with 12 keepers.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** Friday's trip for Twin Oaks Day Camp found a 25 percent keeper ratio on fluke in Reynolds Channel. Sunday's trip for Ted Agrillo of Knights of Columbus, Bethpage, had blues to 12 lbs. on diamonds fishing the west side of the Mud Hole.

There was also good fluking aboard the **Miss Freeport II** this week with the exception of Friday and Saturday due to weather. Monday's pool winner was Martin Kappaum of Ridgewood with a 3 lb. fluke. High hook was 12 keepers. On Monday night's bluefish trip Elaine Dhney, Lynbrook, bagged a 17 lb. blue. On Tuesday's day trip Jack Topper of the Bronx had a 3 lb. fluke and six other keepers, while on Friday Bayside angler Hank Golden took a 4 lber. Jack Sherman of Bayside was content with 9 keepers. Saturday saw John Czik of Baldwin with a 3½ lb. pool fluke, assisted by his buddy Jeff Witt. On Sunday's 2 PM fluke trip, Bob Gillianzo of Howard Beach boated 9 keepers plus a 4 lb. pool fluke. Sunday saw the resumption of good fishing after the blow.

We learn fromk Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Pt. Fishing station** of a sudden explosion of mako shark south and east of Jones Inlet in 120 feet of water. There have been a lot of 100 to 200 lb. size fish and in quantities said Ronnie and they are increasing in number. The quantity of fluke has been fabulous with a roughly 30 percent keeper ratio. Killies and squid have been working best in Fundy, Scow Creek, Merrick Bay, Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet. Flounder remain good at the M bridge, Wantagh bridge and off the CG station. Don't neglect fishing the mussel beds off the fishing piers as well. Small blues are being taken outside the inlet on tins and small umbrellas. Don't forget the July 21 and 22 Tournament Anglers fifth annual Billfish and Tuna Tournament. For any and all information, call Ronnie at Hudson Point.

A call from the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** advised that bay fluking remains good with still a very large number of throwbacks involved. Sunday was a super day for fluke boats working Reynolds Channel from the inlet to the ABB. There were a good number of keepers which are larger now. A 5½ lb. pool fluke was taken on the **Norseman** some high hooks have ranged as high as 15 to 20 keepers. The **Superspray II** has been doing a very good job on the keeper fluke with, of course, lots of throwbacks, both tides. The trolling boats in the Association have been landing good bluefish catches on umbrellas, but nothing has schooled up strongly yet.

Out of nearby Pt. Lookout word from the **Miss Point Lookout** was of some tough days during the week due to the high winds and rain. Sunday's AM trip saw lots of action. Ira, a regular, racked up high hook numbers of 14 keepers on that trip. The PM trip had a high hook of 9 keepers and the pool fish which ran 3¾ lbs. Captain Ron expects the fluking to become truly excellent with some settled weather. The night bluefish trips have gotten under way and are running 7 nights a week. See ad for details.

From the charter boat **Marie III** we learn of Wednesday's trip for Mike Zonis and some good bluefish action SE of Jones about 5 miles. Fish were jigged in the AM and trolled in the PM, sizes 2 to 3 lbs. Thursday's trip for the Peter Ross group had excellent fluking with Pete taking the pool with a 4 lber. and Hal Beck runner-up with a 3½ lber. Friday's trip for the Charlie Smith party saw more good fluking in Reynolds and from Debs through Jones. Eight year old Craig

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Smith was high hook with 13 keepers. In Saturday's wind the boat anchored and chummed with seven fares hoisting a total of 350 fluke out of which they culled out 50 keepers on spearing, sand eels and bunker chum. Pool honors went to Brian Kearney with a 3½ lb. fluke. Sunday's trip for Mr. Ruocco saw the best fluking of the year according to the skipper with 23 people getting 5 to 600 total fish of which roughly 100 were keepers. They anchored and chummed in the AM and drifted Reynolds in the PM. Spearing, sand eels and fluke belly worked on both tides. Generally there was about a 20 percent keeper ratio.

The **Capt. Bill** has asked us to point out to you that aside from his 2 trip a day fluking, he has also started night blues sailing Friday and Saturday nights from 6:30 PM to 12:30AM.

A call from Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of Howard and Bonny Frankel fishing Thursday on their boat Nighttime and in 70 feet of water taking 61 6 to 8 lbs. blues on umbrellas in just a short while. Fluking has been very good in the Middle Bay flats. Doing a job there Tuesday was regular Bruno and his buddy. The ratio is always better when fishing Reynolds buoys 17, 18 and 19. Flounder action continues to be good at the CG station and Swift Creek off the houses. A few blue claw crabs at buoy 15 and cocktail blues just outside the inlet on small tins or small umbrellas.

From Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** comes word of 3 to 4 lb. blues on umbrellas in 30 to 40 feet of water trolling from Jones Inlet to the white condo (formerly the pink hotel). Continued good flounder catches at the M bridge and good fluke on the west side of the Pt. Lookout bridge on killies squid combos.

From Captain Clem of the **Commodore** out of Island Park came word of a decent fluke week with the exception of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Plenty of action though with fares averaging 5 to 8 keepers a man. Drifting conditions are the key factor, said Clem. Loads of short fish all over the bay. Clem said he never saw so many fluke at any one period. Regular Bill Strobl out of 103 fish caught could scrape together just 10 keepers. All action has been on the inside in local waters on sand eels, squid and killies. The fish are ravenous and striking immediately.

We have learned from **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook of the 12 and 14 lb. weakfish caught by Aurelia Florez of Valley Stream Wednesday, while flounder fishing from the sands of Oak Beach with sand worms. Flounder were also caught. One customer has an excellent catch of weakfish on live bunker in the bay during the week, taking the fish from under the bunker schools. Flounder still strong at the CG station and at the Meadowbrook bridge. Scoring anglers are usng heavy sinkers and clam bait under the bridge and doing terrific. Still lots of fluke with lots of midgets mixed in.

Out of **Atlantic Beach** Captain Ronnie Lepper's charter boat **Kim** has been mainly working big bluefish at 17 Fathoms, trolling umbrellas. He's been getting loads of 12 to 16 lb. fish. Ron says there are big schools off Jones Inlet in the 5 to 8 lb. range. A few weakfish are being caught at the channels and the Bight and a lot of 18 to 20 inch bass are doing their thing in Ambrose channel.

Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** passed the word of plenty of fluke with plenty of throwbacks, too. He named 75th St. in Jamaica Bay as producing the largest fluke he heard about for the week. An occasional 3 to 4 lb. fluke was caught this week off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club . Another good area has been from the CG station to the Atlantic Beach bridge but with lots of returns. A fair number of stripers under the ABB on umbrellas and on white bucktails in early morning and late night hours. For blues try 17 Fathoms, off Riis Park and the Tin Can Grounds. Blacks and flounder have tapered off.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina** we heard of an increase in the fluke activity with a good body of fish in Reynolds between buoys 5 and 7 with killies and killie squid combos working best. On Sunday Ralph Pettit and Karl Lombardi totalled 16 keeper fluke up to 4½ lbs. Ten year old Tucker Williams and Sean Oshea trolled their first striped bass on the fourth of July off Rockaway Point on a white bucktail. Each had a 7 lb. fish. BCCs starting to show in the back bays.

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From Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay came word of small palm sized porgies starting on

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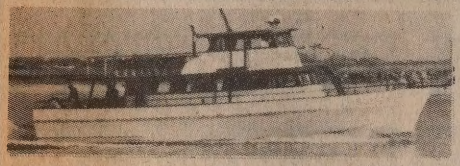

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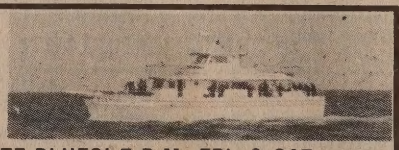

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To the west in Sheepshead Bay word from Capt. Bob of the **Flamingo II** is that Thursday, Friday and Sunday saw good bluefishing every day, fish 4 to 10 lbs. South Jersey spots are being worked, with weather the determining factor. On Sunday blues averaged 7 lbs., on A47s with or without tails of all colors. Thursday was fair on the cocktail variety of blues. Sunday the boat fished the red side of Ambrose with high hook being 11 blues. Sonny Kingston had 8 fish, all 6 to 10 lbs. A big body of blues has moved into the Bight said Bob and there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of bait in the water. It's all over the place. Some big bass are also being caught locally by the sharpies on live bunker and on chunks.

From Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** came word of a fantastic Sunday on the water with super blackfishing up to 6 lbs. on fiddlers and lots of ling to 4 lbs. Porgies started to show and then the weather descended. The draggers are catching them very well so we know they are in. Tom is working his favorite Jersey haunts and there are lots of full buckets of fish when he blows the whistle to go home.

Captain Al Coley of the **Betty W. II** told of a very good catch of blues Saturday despite the weather, with Friday and Sunday good scores as well. The boat has been working the Humpty-Dumpty (the Slough) for blues 5 to 9 lbs. taken on A47s with either red, orange or green tails. Al says he gets best results on S&G diamond jigs. He also advised there's plenty of bait in the water which ought to keep the blues settled down.

From Captain Butch on the **Zephyr** came word of very good fluking during the week on both the red and black side of the channel and in Sandy Hook Bay and Romer Shoals. Fishing Saturday from Rockaway Inlet to the 2 buoy fares had up to 25 keepers a person. Sunday fishing the red side and Sandy Hook Bay plus the lighthouse some fares had from 17 to 20 keepers. There were also a lot of throwbacks. Butch is seeing a 50-50 keeper ratio now. Sunday's pool fish hit 5 lbs. Three fares had 5 gal. pails topped off. A first timer on the boat had 16 keepers. Butch said Sunday was truly an excellent day with the afternoon best. There are loads of fish around and more bait is showing up now.

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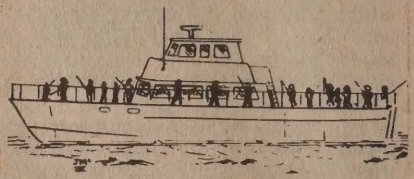
told of mixed size fluke from the jetty east, off Coney Island and in the channels. Some bass at the Tin Can on bunker and bait tails in the evening, night and AM hours. Also 6 to 10 weakfish on baittails, worms and clam at the Tin Can. Some blackfish still being caught on clam and worms at the jetties and wrecks and there have been some nice sea bass catches at Sea Bright. Porgies are starting while some snappers are off and running in Jamaica Bay and off the piers.

Over in Staten Island word from the charter boat **Fishfinder** told of local night blues and weaks which have been giving his charters very good catches up to 10 lbs. Fish have been hitting fresh cut bunker in the chum slick working from Great Kills to Princess Bay. The skipper said he has lots of good dates still open.



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North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Strong southerly gales followed by heavy rains after the Fourth of July shifted the fishing somewhat on the Sound, but fluking was the name of the game in most sectors. Except for porgies out east, the rest of the bottom scene remained a reasonable "pick". Bass were spotty, and bluefish were on the upswing.

WESTERN SOUND

Johns Gun in **New Rochelle** reported more shorts than keepers with good numbers of summer flounder off Sands Point and Matinecock. The best score of the past week was 14 bona fide keepers for one boat. Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** called to tell us about excellent bluefishing on the ocean on Sunday. Pearson was diamond jigging in the "slough" area and had 5-20 choppers per fare in the 5-12 pound range. The crazy weather of the past week apparently quieted down the blues on the Sound.

The **Sea King** from **City Island** was picking a variety from the bottom in the Center Island and Oyster Bay areas. There were decent sized porgies, flounder and blackfish in the bags, and Saturday's results were very good despite the torrentail rain.

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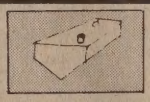

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George Valentine at **4 Winds** told us that fluke were "everywhere in the area", including Huntington Harbor, Lloyds, Diamond Point and Eatons. Mike Deckman, Mike Macciarolo, and Frank Poli had 9 keepers to 4 pounds. Some larger bluefish showed around Buoy 13 on Friday morning with smaller blues still centered around the Lilco plant. Whiptails were preferred lures. Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** told us that 8-10 fluke per day were the norm around Lloyds. The best fluke of the week, a 6-12 flattie, appeared in a 14 fish catch by Joe DiMaggio. Bass fishing went back and forth with fish in the high teens around Marshall Field and Target Rock. The best linesider last week weighed 18 pounds. A few big scup were taken aound Buoy 6 in Northport Bay, but there was not much porgy action overall.

Mel and Eileen at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** weighed a catch of blackfish in the 3 pound class plus a genuine 1½ pound porgy for Chris Daniels. There were 15 mackerel in one local catch last week as well...a real surprise.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** saw some blues in the 2 pound class in Huntington Bay with 3-6 pound fish off Fort Salonga. Macs were below the blues in that area. One 2½ pound fluke was duly weighed at the store, too.

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jeff** told us that there were some large blues 2 miles off Cranes. Fluking was expected to pick up; Caraftis noted one catch of 5 keepers in two hours and a 6 pounder as the best of the week. There were some large fluke close to the beach in

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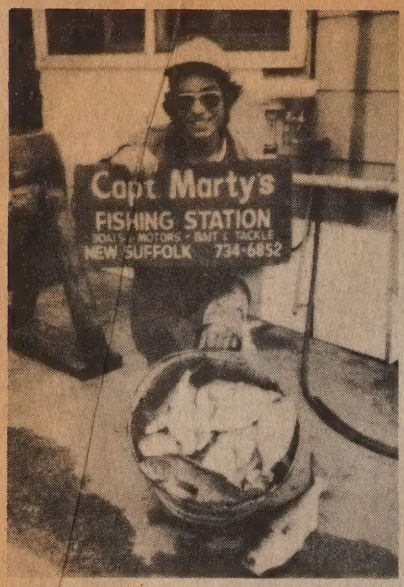
Rocky Point, according to the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. The best fish there went 7½ on the scales. Fluke belly-and-spearing or squid-spearing combinations were the best baits. John Moore and Bill Sutoris pulled 19 keepers with six fish over 3½ pounds. The area from the cabanas down to Friendship Beach was quite good.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mount Sinai** said that weakfish in the 6-7 pound range hit the local beaches on Saturday night. Porgies were available off Buoy 11 and off the Rocky Point rocks, while fluke were on the flats outside Mount Sinai Harbor.

NORTH FORK

The **Mattituck Fishing Station** had "fantastic" fluking through the Fourth of July with action centered east of the inlet. Catches of a dozen fluke per hour with a 2:1 ratio of shorts to keepers were the norm with the largest fish in the four pound class. Then came the three day southerly gale, rain, and a strong northwest blow on Sunday. Where the fish went is still anyone's guess, but one incidental catch of 4 fluke came with a burst of bluefish on Sunday afternoon.

Warrens in **Aquebogue** was still talking about bluefish in the Peconics with a good number of small porgies as well. Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** told us that a half pail of scup in the ½ to ¾ pound class per



Philip Green returned to Capt. Marty's Fishing Station with 57 porgies, 1 sea bass and 1 bluefish. He fished on Middle Grounds, using worms and skimmer clam bait.

person was the standard on Sunday off Buoy 26 and that a few catches also included blackfish. The Lorias are still waiting for the summer run of weaks.

Meanwhile there some larger weakfish to 7½ pounds taken from the Brickyard, according to Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** on the turn of high water. Jessups had some 3-5 pound blues, and there were a lot of fluke in Greenlawns and the Brickyard as well. Shorts dominated the numbers of summer flounder; this appeared to be the case everywhere but Gardiners, where the throwbacks run only 30 to 50 percent of the take. John Fritz of the **Toots** had 45 keeper fluke for a party of 8 anglers down at Gardiners.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** reported a catch of 7 weakfish from Jessups, as well as some outstanding catches for charter boats working the Gardiners area. Richie Jensen had 180 fluke, 50 small blues and 21 weakfish on Sunday on the **Nancy Ann**, while John Scanlon's **Tuna** had a similar haul of 200 fluke for Richie Taylor's party.

Clark Bellows of the **Prime Time II** told us that 7 pounds was the outside range of fluke sizes and that most pool fish were 4½ from the Gardiners area. Fishing there was good and steady through July 4th, but Thursday through Saturday were "lost days". Most of the fluke are expected to remain in the 14-16 inch sizes and squid-spearing or squid-sandeel combinations were the best baits.

George Porter found that the porgies began to bite well after 11 a.m. Sunday when the screeching tide and north winds finally eased up. The **Brand X** managed a reasonable catch after that with sizes from pins on up to jumbos in the 3 pound class. The pools are won regularly by tautog.

Anna May Rainis called from Eastern Long Island Hospital where she is recouperating from surgery. She said that she hopes to be back with John on those Gardiners fluke on the **Blue Albatross** within a couple of weeks. John will be chartering on weekends with some open dates still available, and he'll be sailing as an open boat on Monday through Friday for the regulars. (Rainis is finally on the Albatross again after filling time with the **Peconic Gypsy** in the past few weeks.)

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

While blitz-like fishing was lacking around the Island's beaches, there was enough action scattered around to keep casters on their toes. Big mackerel, small blues, weaks and school bass were spread along several north shore beaches while Montauk offered a mix of weaks and blues along with a few bass.

One bass catch in particular, rates a special accolade. Veteran surfman, Steve Petri, Sr. of Lindenhurst, accomplished a feat of nearly heroic proportions at the Point on Saturday night when he whipped a 54.4 pound striper on a one hand stick and 10 pound test line. The real accomplishment, as those familiar with the lure will attest, is that he took the cow on one of the deadly, but fragile Hellcats manufactured by Whopper Stopper Lures.

If the name Petri rings a familiar bell, it was Steve's son, Steve, Jr. who a couple of years ago dragged a 69½ pound striper ashore on Cape Cod. Dad's most recent accomplishment serves as a reminder that he's still the one giving the lessons. Steve is a member of the Nor'West Fishing Club.

Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, who reported on Petri's catch also told of a 35 pound striper taken along the same stretch of beach on Friday night. Sam Rispoli of Hampton Bays took the fish between Gin Beach and Shagwong. John spoke of weaks and school bass up front during the week with a few 10 pound bass taken very early Sunday AM under the light. One to two pound blues have been along Gin Beach and Shagwong mornings and evenings while 6-10 pound weaks along with some school bass and the occasional big fish have provided the after dark action.

Most of the action along the south shore has been limited to sporadic flurries of small bluefish around the inlets. Blues have been in and out of Moriches and Fire Island inlets this past week and there were small blues from 1-3 pounds taken on the east side of Shinnecock Inlet over the weekend and plugs. For those not already aware, Democrat Point has been open to beach vehicles since last Saturday. Take special care in avoiding driving near sensitive dune areas.

Besides small blues around the inlet, the only news from Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** concerned north shore fish. Ozzie VonHelmond was at it again early Sunday AM. He and Gary Maher accounted for 7 weaks to 10 pounds including Gary's first surf weak. All the fish were taken on Hellcats in the Stony Brook area.

Working back to the west, George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** spoke of a fair amount of school bass up to 7 or 8 pounds along local beaches including Callahans and Makamah. Most of the bass action is after dark while weakfish and a few 2-3 pound blues provide most of the evening action. Down at Sunken Meadow, a pick of big weakfish, blues and big mackerel attracted quite a crowd on several nights this past week. Some impressive weakfish were taken by casters here while some bass also fell to casters on late night tides.

On Friday night, Andy Barry of East Islip took an 11 pound weakfish from the western reaches of Sunken Meadow. He used a silver Hellcat. Not far from him, Great South Bay Anglers club member Lou Pagnoni beached a pair of weaks. Another G.S.B.A. member, George Butler used a Hellcat to take a 9½ pound weak on Saturday night. There was also talk of a 20 pound striper taken on Saturday night from the pocket next to the jetty along with several nice weakfish.

While Sunken Meadow received plenty of attention this past week, there were also several nice bass taken from Caumsett State Park. The biggest confirmed striper was a 24 pounder taken by Don Musso on one of the Super Strike lures which he manufactures himself.

Over at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel told of a good mix of bass and weaks along local beaches up into the weekend. Among the better bass were a 15 pounder taken on a Redfin by "Wayne-O" and a 14½ pounder on a Redfin by Steve Buchman. Howie Setnikar had an 11 pound weakfish while Bob Werling did a fair job on bass and weaks to 9 pounds most nights last week according to Stan. Blues in the 2-3 pound class have been a hit and miss affair mornings and evenings.

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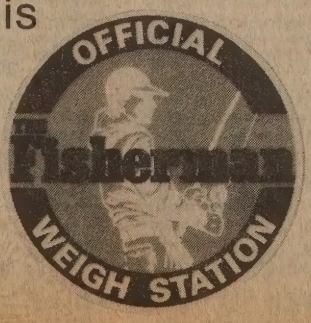

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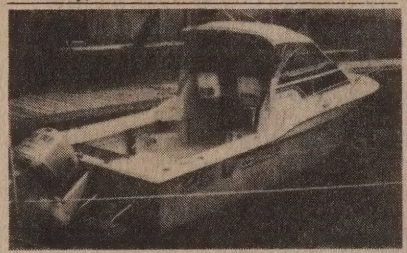

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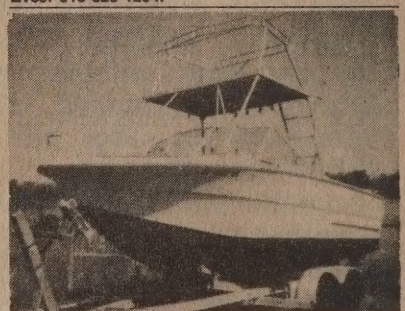

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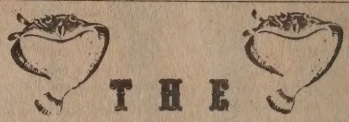

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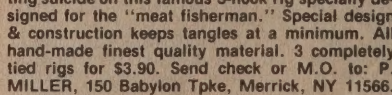

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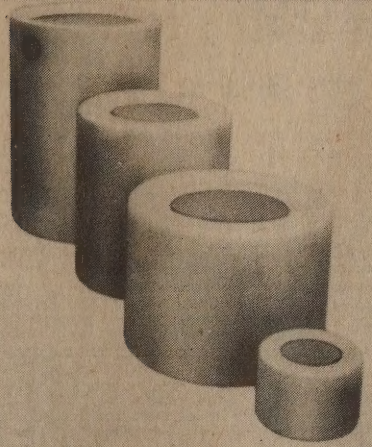

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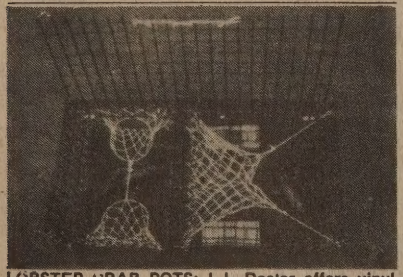

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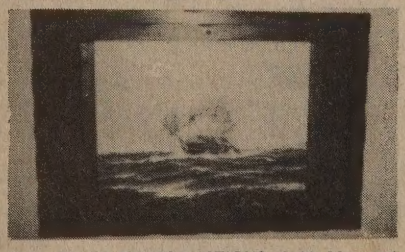

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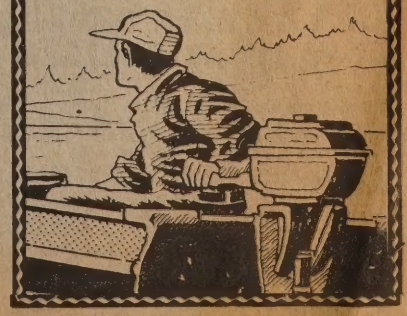

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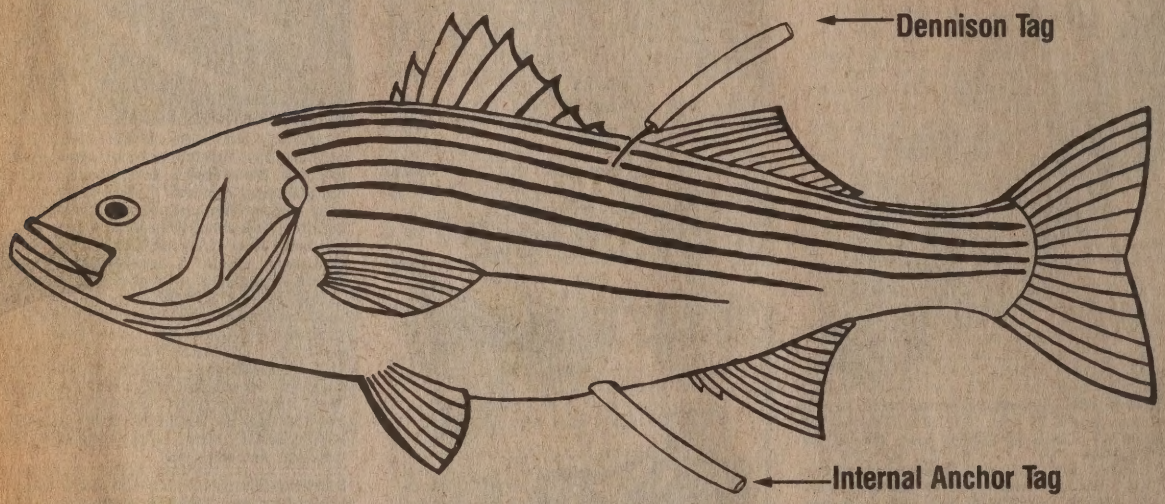

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